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# H. R. 7183

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEADOWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Federal Disaster As-  
5       sistance Coordination Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT WITH RESPECT TO STREAMLINING FED-**  
2 **ERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ASSESSMENTS**  
3 **AND THE POTENTIAL USES OF EMERGING**  
4 **TECHNOLOGIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the President, acting  
7 through the Administrator of the Federal Emergency  
8 Management Agency, and in consultation with the Council  
9 of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency,  
10 shall convene a working group on a regular basis with the  
11 Secretary of the Department of Labor, the Director of the  
12 Office of Management and Budget, the Secretary of  
13 Health and Human Service, the Administrator of the  
14 Small Business Administration, the Secretary of the De-  
15 partment of Transportation, the Assistant Secretary of  
16 Commerce for Economic Development, and other appro-  
17 priate agencies as the Administrator considers necessary,  
18 to develop—

19 (1) a report that identifies and describes the  
20 potential areas of duplication or fragmentation in  
21 post-disaster declarations in Federal assessments of  
22 data collection methods and data collected and pro-  
23 gram delivery after post-disaster declarations;

24 (2) determine the applicability of having one  
25 Federal agency make the assessments for all agen-  
26 cies;

1           (3) identify potential emerging technologies,  
2           such as Unmanned Aircraft Systems, consistent with  
3           the requirements established in Public Law 115–87,  
4           to expedite the administration of disaster assistance  
5           assessments; and

6           (4) develop and submit to the Committee on  
7           Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of  
8           Representatives and the Committee on Homeland  
9           Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a  
10          report on the findings of the working group that  
11          may include recommendations.

12          (b) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The report developed  
13          under subsection (a) shall be made available to the public  
14          and posted on the internet website of the Federal Emer-  
15          gency Management Agency—

16                (1) in pre-compressed, easily downloadable  
17                versions that are made available in all appropriate  
18                formats; and

19                (2) in machine-readable format, if applicable.

20          (c) SOURCES OF INFORMATION.—In preparing such  
21          report, any publication, database, web-based resource, and  
22          any information compiled by any government agency, non-  
23          governmental organization, or other entity that is made  
24          available may be used.

1 **SEC. 3. BRIEFING.**

2       Not later than 2 years after the date of the enact-  
3 ment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Emer-  
4 gency Management Agency, or a designee, and a member  
5 of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and  
6 Efficiency, or a designee, shall brief, upon request, the ap-  
7 propriate congressional committees on the report's find-  
8 ings and any recommendations made in the report, if ap-  
9 plicable.

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