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S. 2129

To require the Secretary of Transportation to develop best practices for incorporating resilience into emergency relief projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. CARDIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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. EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

5 (1) EMERGENCY RELIEF PROJECT.—The term
6 “emergency relief project” means a project carried
7 out under the emergency relief program under sec-
8 tion 125 of title 23, United States Code.

1 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of Transportation.

3 (b) IMPROVING THE EMERGENCY RELIEF PRO-
4 GRAM.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enact-
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

6 (1) revise the emergency relief manual of the
7 Federal Highway Administration—

8 (A) to include and reflect a definition of
9 the term “resilience”;

10 (B) to identify procedures that States may
11 use to incorporate resilience into emergency re-
12 lief projects; and

13 (C) to encourage the use of Complete
14 Streets design principles and consideration of
15 access for moderate- and low-income families
16 impacted by a declared disaster;

17 (2) develop best practices for improving the use
18 of resilience in—

19 (A) the emergency relief program under
20 section 125 of title 23, United States Code; and

21 (B) emergency relief efforts;

22 (3) provide to division offices of the Federal
23 Highway Administration and State departments of
24 transportation information on the best practices de-
25 veloped under paragraph (2); and

- 1 (4) develop and implement a process to track—
2 (A) the consideration of resilience as part
3 of the emergency relief program under section
4 125 of title 23, United States Code; and
5 (B) the costs of emergency relief projects.

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