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To establish a National Flood Impact Reduction and Resilience Program to achieve major measurable reductions in the losses of life and property from floods through a coordinated Federal effort, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BEYER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

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 “National Flood Impact
5 Reduction and Resilience Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Floods are a coast-to-coast threat to the
2 United States and its territories in all months of the
3 year. Floods can cause significant loss of life, injury,
4 destruction of property, and economic and social dis-
5 ruption.

6 (2) The United States currently sustains sev-
7 eral billion dollars in economic damages each year
8 due to these flood impacts. Over the next few dec-
9 ades, the cost of flood related damage is anticipated
10 to increase due to greater precipitation and sea level
11 rise.

12 (3) Improved flood impact reduction and resil-
13 ience measures have the potential to reduce these
14 losses through—

15 (A) innovative design and construction
16 methods and practices;

17 (B) effective implementation and natural
18 and nature-based features, floodplain manage-
19 ment, and relocation from flood zones at the
20 local, State, and national level;

21 (C) improved data collection and analysis
22 and impact prediction methodologies; and

23 (D) public education and outreach.

24 (4) There is an appropriate role for the Federal
25 Government in supporting flood impact reduction

1 and resilience. An effective Federal program in flood
2 impact reduction and resilience will require inter-
3 agency coordination, and input from individuals,
4 academia, the private sector, and other interested
5 non-Federal entities.

6 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL FLOOD IMPACT REDUCTION AND RESIL-**
7 **IENCE PROGRAM.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the Na-
9 tional Flood Impact Reduction and Resilience Program
10 (hereafter referred to as the “Program”), the purpose of
11 which is to achieve major measurable reductions in the
12 losses of life and property from floods through a coordi-
13 nated Federal effort, in cooperation with other levels of
14 government, academia, and the private sector, aimed at
15 improving the understanding of floods and their impacts
16 and developing and encouraging the implementation of ef-
17 fective measures to reduce those impacts.

18 (b) PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—The activities of the Pro-
19 gram shall be designed to—

20 (1) develop effective measures for flood impact
21 reduction and resilience;

22 (2) promote the adoption of flood impact reduc-
23 tion and resilience measures by Federal, State, and
24 local governments, national standards and model
25 code organizations, architects and engineers, build-

1 ing owners, and others with a role in planning and
2 constructing buildings, structures, and lifeline infra-
3 structure through—

4 (A) grants, contracts, cooperative agree-
5 ments, and technical assistance;

6 (B) development of standards, guidelines,
7 and voluntary consensus codes for floodplain
8 management, natural and nature-based fea-
9 tures, and flood impact reduction for buildings,
10 structures, and lifeline infrastructure;

11 (C) development and maintenance of a re-
12 pository of information, including technical
13 data, on flood risk, mitigation, natural and na-
14 ture-based features, nonstructural alternatives,
15 and community resilience; and

16 (D) publishing a systematic set of maps of
17 flood vulnerability, inundation, floodplains, cur-
18 rent and historical flood events, hydrologic fore-
19 casts, and other flood related hazards; and

20 (3) improve the understanding of floods and
21 their effects on communities, buildings, structures,
22 and lifeline infrastructure, through interdisciplinary
23 research that involves engineering, natural sciences,
24 and social, economic, and decisions sciences.

1 (c) INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON
2 FLOOD IMPACT REDUCTION AND RESILIENCE.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established an
4 Interagency Coordinating Committee on Flood Im-
5 pact Reduction and Resilience chaired by the Chief
6 of the Army Corps of Engineers.

7 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—In addition to the Chief,
8 the committee shall be composed of—

9 (A) heads or such designees of the—

10 (i) Federal Emergency Management
11 Agency;

12 (ii) National Institute of Standards
13 and Technology;

14 (iii) United States Geological Survey;

15 (iv) National Oceanic and Atmos-
16 pheric Administration;

17 (v) Office of Science and Technology
18 Policy; and

19 (vi) Office of Management and Budg-
20 et; and

21 (B) the head of any other Federal agency,
22 or such designee, as the chair considers appro-
23 priate.

1 (3) MEETINGS.—The Committee shall meet not
2 less frequently than once each year at the call of the
3 Chief.

4 (4) DUTIES.—

5 (A) GENERAL DUTY.—The Interagency
6 Coordinating Committee shall oversee the plan-
7 ning, management, and coordination of the Pro-
8 gram.

9 (B) SPECIFIC DUTIES.—The duties of the
10 Interagency Coordinating Committee include
11 the following:

12 (i) Developing, and updating periodi-
13 cally a—

14 (I) strategic plan that establishes
15 goals and priorities for the Program;
16 and

17 (II) detailed management plan to
18 implement such strategic plan.

19 (ii) Developing a coordinated inter-
20 agency budget for the Program that will
21 ensure appropriate balance among Pro-
22 gram activities, and in accordance with
23 management plans, submitting such budget
24 to the Director of the Office of Manage-
25 ment and Budget at the time designated

1 by the Director for agencies to submit bi-
2 ennial budgets.

3 (iii) Developing interagency memoran-
4 dums of understanding with any relevant
5 Federal agencies on data sharing and re-
6 source commitment in the event of a flood
7 disaster.

8 (5) ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Chief shall estab-
10 lish an Advisory Committee on Flood Impact
11 Reduction and Resilience of at least 11 mem-
12 bers, none of whom may be an employee (as de-
13 fined in subparagraphs (A) through (F) of sec-
14 tion 7342(a)(1) of title 5, United States Code),
15 including representatives of research and aca-
16 demic institutions, industry standards develop-
17 ment organizations, State and local govern-
18 ment, and financial communities who are quali-
19 fied to provide advice on flood impact reduction
20 and represent all related scientific, architec-
21 tural, and engineering disciplines. The rec-
22 ommendations of the Advisory Committee shall
23 be considered by Federal agencies in imple-
24 menting the Program.

1 (B) ASSESSMENT.—The Advisory Com-
2 mittee shall assess—

3 (i) trends and developments in the
4 science and engineering of flood impact re-
5 duction and resilience, including for im-
6 proving the forecast of flood risk;

7 (ii) effectiveness of the Program in
8 carrying out the Program activities;

9 (iii) the need to revise the Program;
10 and

11 (iv) the management, coordination,
12 implementation, and activities of the Pro-
13 gram.

14 (6) BUDGET COORDINATION.—

15 (A) GUIDANCE.—the Interagency Coordi-
16 nating Committee shall each year provide guid-
17 ance to the other Program agencies concerning
18 the preparation of requests for appropriations
19 for activities related to the Program, and shall
20 prepare, in conjunction with other program
21 agencies, an annual Program budget to be sub-
22 mitted to the Office of Management and Budg-
23 et.

24 (B) REPORTS.—Each Program agency
25 shall include with its annual request for appro-

1 priations submitted to the Office of Manage-
2 ment and Budget a report that—
3 (i) identifies each element of the pro-
4 posed Program activities of the agency;
5 (ii) specifies how each of these activi-
6 ties contributes to the Program; and
7 (iii) states the portion of its request
8 for appropriations allocated to each ele-
9 ment of the Program.