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# H. R. 480

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide flexibility with the cost share for fire management assistance, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. STANTON, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCHRIER, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. GALLEGO, and Mr. BLUMENAUER) 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 “Wildfire Recovery  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FIRE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COST SHARE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 420 of the Robert T.  
3 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act is  
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-  
6 section (f); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 “(e) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of assist-  
10 ance under this section shall be not less than 75 percent  
11 of the eligible cost of such assistance.”.

12 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-  
13 section (a) shall only apply to amounts appropriated on  
14 or after the date of enactment of this Act.

15 **SEC. 3. RULEMAKING.**

16 Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment  
17 of this Act, the President, acting through the Adminis-  
18 trator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency,  
19 shall conduct and complete a rulemaking to provide cri-  
20 teria for the circumstances under which the Administrator  
21 may recommend the President increase the Federal cost  
22 share for section 420 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster  
23 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5187).  
24 Such criteria shall include a threshold metric that assesses  
25 the financial impact to a State or local government from

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- 1 responding to a fire for which fire management assistance
- 2 is being provided.

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