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S. 485

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to provide hazard mitigation assistance for mitigating and preventing post-wildfire flooding and debris flow, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. SULLIVAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Hazard and Flooding
5 Mitigation Funding Assurance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO IMPROVE HAZARD MITIGATION**
2 **ASSISTANCE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 404 of the Robert T.
4 Stafford Disaster Relief And Emergency Assistance Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 5170c) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “The Presi-
7 dent may contribute up to 75 percent of the cost”
8 and inserting “The President shall contribute not
9 less than 75 percent of the cost and may contribute
10 not more than 100 percent of the cost”; and

11 (2) in subsection (f)—

12 (A) in paragraph (13), by striking “and”
13 at the end;

14 (B) in paragraph (14), by striking the pe-
15 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(15) mitigating post-wildfire flooding and de-
18bris flow from burn scars.”.

19 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by sub-
20 section (a) shall apply with respect to assistance provided
21 under section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Re-
22 lief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170c) on
23 or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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