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To require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish and maintain a database and webpage that is available to the public and contains information on the billion-dollar disasters that occur each year in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. HEINRICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Measuring the Cost
3 of Disasters Act of 2025”.

4 **SEC. 2. DATABASE AND WEBPAGE FOR INFORMATION ON**
5 **BILLION-DOLLAR DISASTERS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Na-
7 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (in this
8 section referred to as the “Administrator”) shall establish
9 and maintain a database and webpage that is available
10 to the public and contains information on each billion-dol-
11 lar disaster that occurs each year in the United States.

12 (b) UPDATE.—Not less frequently than biannually,
13 the Administrator shall update the database and webpage
14 required under subsection (a) as new information is avail-
15 able.

16 (c) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The database and
17 webpage required under subsection (a) shall include the
18 following:

19 (1) With respect to each billion-dollar disaster
20 included in the database and webpage—

21 (A) the estimated cost of the disaster;

22 (B) the type of disaster;

23 (C) the location of the disaster;

24 (D) the date or dates of the disaster; and

1 (E) such other information regarding the
2 disaster as the Administrator considers appro-
3 priate.

4 (2) Visual graphs and mapping features show-
5 ing the trajectory of disasters over time and the dis-
6 tribution of types of disasters across the United
7 States that are similar, if not identical, to those fea-
8 tures produced by the National Centers for Environ-
9 mental Information from 1980 through 2024 and
10 that were available and updated online at
11 www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/billions/ until May 9, 2025.

12 (d) DATA TO BE USED.—In establishing and main-
13 taining the database required under subsection (a), the
14 Administrator shall use data available to the Adminis-
15 trator and may collaborate with Federal and non-Federal
16 partners as necessary, such as those partners with which
17 the Administrator collaborated previously while the data-
18 base specified under subsection (c)(2) was active from
19 1980 through 2024.

20 (e) INCLUSION OF OTHER DISASTERS.—The Admin-
21 istrator may include in the database required under sub-
22 section (a) a disaster that is not a billion-dollar disaster
23 if the Administrator determines that the inclusion of the
24 disaster in the database would be appropriate.

1 (f) MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING DATABASE.—The
2 Administrator shall maintain and update information con-
3 tained in the previously existing disaster database speci-
4 fied under subsection (c)(2) on the webpage for the Na-
5 tional Centers for Environmental Information for
6 archiving and research purposes.

7 (g) BILLION-DOLLAR DISASTER DEFINED.—In this
8 section, the term “billion-dollar disaster” means a storm
9 or severe weather event that results in \$1,000,000,000 or
10 more in combined direct costs and market costs as deter-
11 mined by the National Centers for Environmental Infor-
12 mation.