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## **H.R. 5687, PUERTO RICO EARTHQUAKE SUPPLEMENTAL** *Title-By-Title Summary*

### **DIVISION A - EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RELIEF ACT, 2020**

#### **Title I – Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies**

**Cybersecurity, Energy Security & Emergency Response** – \$6.75 million for technical assistance to conduct earthquake risk analysis, enhance long-term energy planning, improve energy sector situational awareness, and strengthen cybersecurity of critical infrastructure related to U.S. territories affected by recent disasters and emergencies.

**Electricity** – \$15 million for technical assistance to enhance real-time situational awareness and continued recovery support of the electric grid related to U.S. territories affected by recent disasters and emergencies.

#### **Title II – Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies**

**Education Recovery** – \$100 million to meet the educational needs of individuals affected by recent disasters and emergencies.

In addition —

- Allows flexibility to address unmet needs from previous and current disaster supplementals.
- Allows flexibility to shift funds to most in-demand recovery programs and to speed up K-12 school recovery.
- Requires the Secretary of Education to submit a detailed spend plan.

#### **Title III – Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies**

**Federal Highway Administration, Emergency Relief Program** – \$1.25 billion for repairs to road systems damaged by recent disasters and emergencies.

**Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery** – \$3.26 billion for disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation in the areas most impacted by recent disasters and emergencies, with \$1.53 billion specifically for mitigation activities in areas that had major disasters in 2018 and 2019.

In addition —

- Allows comingling of funds provided in this legislation and previous emergency supplementals.
- Requires the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to execute grant agreements within 60 days of grant approval.
- Requires the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, in consultation with other Federal agencies, to complete the consultation on electrical grid funding for Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands within 30 days and to issue a Federal Register notice within 60 days.

## **Title IV – General Provisions**

**Disaster Nutrition Assistance** – \$40 million to provide a grant to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for disaster nutrition assistance.

In addition —

- Extends a prior condition waiver – that currently applies to 2017 disaster declarations for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands – to disaster declarations declared during 2020 for those jurisdictions.

Technical budgetary provisions.

## **DIVISION B - PUERTO RICO DISASTER TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2020**

Tax provisions related to Puerto Rico in the jurisdiction of the House Committee on Ways and Means.

## **DIVISION C – BUDGETARY EFFECTS**

Technical budgetary provisions.