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H. R. 9092

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide for assistance to States and local governments in response to extreme heat events, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STANTON (for himself and Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Heat Management As-
5 sistance Grant Act of 2024” or the “HMAG Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. MITIGATION OF EXTREME HEAT EVENTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title IV of the Robert T. Stafford
8 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.

1 5170 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **“SEC. 431. MITIGATION OF EXTREME HEAT EVENTS.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The President, acting through
5 the Regional Administrator of Federal Emergency Man-
6 agement Agency, may provide assistance, including
7 grants, equipment, supplies, and personnel, to any State
8 or local government for the mitigation, and management
9 of an extreme heat event.

10 “(b) COORDINATION.—In providing assistance under
11 this section, the President shall coordinate with the head
12 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

13 “(c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for assistance
14 under this section, a State or local government shall sub-
15 mit to the President—

16 “(1) an assessment of the potential loss of life
17 due to the extreme heat event based on information
18 on previous events, if such events have occurred;

19 “(2) an assessment of the potential loss of rev-
20 enue to such State or local government due to the
21 extreme heat event based on any such previous
22 event;

23 “(3) a description of any other sources of as-
24 sistance available to the State or local government,

1 including potential sources that are not solely re-
2 sponsible for mitigation of extreme heat events; and

3 “(4) any potential long-term impacts of the ex-
4 treme heat events, including impacts to infrastruc-
5 ture.

6 “(d) ESSENTIAL ASSISTANCE.—In providing assist-
7 ance under this section, the President may use the author-
8 ity provided under section 403.

9 “(e) HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE.—Whether or
10 not a major disaster is declared, the President may pro-
11 vide hazard mitigation assistance in accordance with sec-
12 tion 404 in any area affected by an extreme heat event
13 for which assistance was provided under this section, in-
14 cluding—

15 “(f) RULES AND REGULATIONS.—The President
16 shall prescribe such rules and regulations as are necessary
17 to carry out this section, including—

18 “(1) an requirements for an agreement entered
19 into by the State or local government to receive as-
20 sistance under this section;

21 “(2) a procedure for an appeals process in the
22 case of a denial of assistance requested under this
23 section; and

24 “(3) a description of eligible costs for which as-
25 sistance may be provided under this section.”.

1 (b) DEVELOPMENT OF EXTREME HEAT EVENT
2 THRESHOLD.—Not later than 90 days after the date of
3 enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal
4 Emergency Management Agency, jointly with the Admin-
5 istrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin-
6 istration and in consultation with the Director of the Cen-
7 ters for Disease Control and Prevention, shall develop a
8 threshold for the temperature and duration of a heat event
9 to qualify as an extreme heat event under section 431 of
10 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency As-
11 sistance Act, as added by this Act.

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