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119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To extend the period of performance for certain disaster recovery projects  
in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_  
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**A BILL**

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recovery projects in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,  
and for other purposes.

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 “Puerto Rico Disaster  
5       Recovery Completion Act of 2026”.

6       **SEC. 2. PUERTO RICO DISASTER RECOVERY COMPLETION.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 206.204  
8       of title 44, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor

1 regulation), the period of performance and project comple-  
2 tion deadline for a covered project carried out pursuant  
3 to a specified major disaster declaration shall be extended  
4 to not later than December 31, 2035.

5 (b) ADDITIONAL EXTENSION.—After December 31,  
6 2035, a recipient carrying out a covered project described  
7 in subsection (a) may request a time extension using the  
8 process under section 206.204(d) of title 44, Code of Fed-  
9 eral Regulations (or a successor regulation).

10 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
11 of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter until De-  
12 cember 31, 2035, the Administrator of the Federal Emer-  
13 gency Management Agency, in consultation with the Cen-  
14 tral Office for Recovery, Reconstruction, and Resiliency of  
15 Puerto Rico, shall submit to the appropriate congressional  
16 committees and the Resident Commissioner from Puerto  
17 Rico a report that includes—

18 (1) the number of covered projects completed  
19 since the date of enactment of this Act and, if appli-  
20 cable, the number of covered projects completed  
21 since the date on which the previous report was sub-  
22 mitted;

23 (2) for covered projects not yet completed, the  
24 projected completion date and a description of any  
25 obstacles to completion; and

1           (3) any other information the Administrator de-  
2       termines relevant.

3       (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

4           (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
5       TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
6       mittees” means—

7           (A) the Committee on Transportation and  
8       Infrastructure of the House of Representatives;

9           (B) the Committee on Homeland Security  
10      of the House of Representatives;

11          (C) the Committee on Appropriations of  
12      the House of Representatives;

13          (D) the Committee on Homeland Security  
14      and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and

15          (E) the Committee on Appropriations of  
16      the Senate.

17          (2) COVERED PROJECT.—The term “covered  
18      project” means a project—

19           (A) carried out pursuant to section 406 or  
20      section 428 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster  
21      Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42  
22      U.S.C. 5172; 42 U.S.C. 5189f);

23           (B) for restoration of damaged facilities  
24      and eligible mitigation measures under section

1           206.226 of title 44, Code of Federal Regula-  
2           tions (or a successor regulation); and

3           (C) for which, as of the date of enactment  
4           of this Act, closeout has not occurred.

5           (3) RECIPIENT.—The term “recipient” means a  
6           State, tribal or local government, or owner or oper-  
7           ator of a private nonprofit facility.

8           (4) SPECIFIED MAJOR DISASTER DECLARA-  
9           TION.—The term “specified major disaster declara-  
10          tion” means any of the following major disasters in  
11          the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico declared under  
12          section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief  
13          and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170):

14               (A) The declaration on September 10,  
15               2017, relating to Hurricane Irma (DR–4336–  
16               PR).

17               (B) The declaration on September 20,  
18               2017, relating to Hurricane Maria (DR–4339–  
19               PR).

20               (C) The declaration on January 16, 2020,  
21               relating to the earthquakes beginning on De-  
22               cember 28, 2019 (DR–4473–PR).

23               (D) The declaration on September 21,  
24               2022, relating to Hurricane Fiona (DR–4671–  
25               PR).