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Overview

This bill authorizes the Department of Public Safety to award state dollars to eligible utility cooperatives to match Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance in the event of a presidentially-declared major disaster. In general, FEMA Public Assistance Program aid is capped at 75 percent of the recipient's eligible damage costs.

Under federal law, a utility is eligible to receive FEMA Public Assistance if the utility is a nonprofit that provides critical power, water, or other services in the event of a disaster.