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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 9235

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 9, 2026

Mr. WHITESIDES (for himself, Mr. OBERNOLTE, and Mr. NEGUSE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Disaster Ready Infra-  
5 structure Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATURAL DISASTER VULNERABILITY IDENTIFICA-**  
 2 **TION.**

3 (a) METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING.—  
 4 Section 134(i)(2) of title 23, United States Code, is  
 5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(I) NATURAL DISASTER VULNER-  
 7 ABILITY.—An identification of—

8 “(i) which existing transportation fa-  
 9 cilities are most vulnerable to any type of  
 10 natural disaster that occurs frequently in  
 11 the area served by the metropolitan plan-  
 12 ning organization;

13 “(ii) which such facilities are most  
 14 necessary to maintain operation of during  
 15 a natural disaster or soon thereafter; and

16 “(iii) the improvement projects nec-  
 17 essary to maintain such operation.”.

18 (b) STATEWIDE AND NONMETROPOLITAN TRANSPOR-  
 19 TATION PLANNING.—Section 135(f) of title 23, United  
 20 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 21 lowing:

22 “(10) NATURAL DISASTER VULNERABILITY.—  
 23 The statewide transportation plan shall include an  
 24 identification of—

1           “(A) which existing transportation facili-  
2           ties are most vulnerable to any type of natural  
3           disaster that occurs frequently in the State;

4           “(B) which such facilities are most nec-  
5           essary to maintain operation of during a nat-  
6           ural disaster or soon thereafter; and

7           “(C) the improvement projects necessary  
8           to maintain such operation.”.

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