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# S. 2129

To require the Secretary of Transportation to develop best practices for incorporating resilience into emergency relief projects, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 16, 2019

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. CARDIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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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. EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

5 (1) EMERGENCY RELIEF PROJECT.—The term  
6 “emergency relief project” means a project carried  
7 out under the emergency relief program under sec-  
8 tion 125 of title 23, United States Code.

1           (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
2           the Secretary of Transportation.

3           (b) IMPROVING THE EMERGENCY RELIEF PRO-  
4           GRAM.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enact-  
5           ment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

6           (1) revise the emergency relief manual of the  
7           Federal Highway Administration—

8           (A) to include and reflect a definition of  
9           the term “resilience”;

10          (B) to identify procedures that States may  
11          use to incorporate resilience into emergency re-  
12          lief projects; and

13          (C) to encourage the use of Complete  
14          Streets design principles and consideration of  
15          access for moderate- and low-income families  
16          impacted by a declared disaster;

17          (2) develop best practices for improving the use  
18          of resilience in—

19          (A) the emergency relief program under  
20          section 125 of title 23, United States Code; and

21          (B) emergency relief efforts;

22          (3) provide to division offices of the Federal  
23          Highway Administration and State departments of  
24          transportation information on the best practices de-  
25          veloped under paragraph (2); and

1 (4) develop and implement a process to track—

2 (A) the consideration of resilience as part  
3 of the emergency relief program under section  
4 125 of title 23, United States Code; and

5 (B) the costs of emergency relief projects.

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