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The Pacific Northwest Earthquake Preparedness Act (H.R.654) moved a step closer to becoming law when the bill passed the House on March 27. Representative Pete DeFazio (D-OR-4) introduced H.R.654 on January 24.

The bill would establish an earthquake and tsunami inter-agency task force to create a strategy to approach earthquake and tsunami preparedness. The Federal Emergency Management Agency, under this bill, would develop an early warning system plan for potential earthquakes resulting from the future rupture of the Cascadia Subduction Zone.

The Senate received the bill and referred it to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on March 28.

*Source: Congress.gov*

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