

## S 3638

National Windstorm Impact Reduction Reauthorization Act of 2008

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 26, 2008

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 7159	Related bill	<b>Sep 27, 2008:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

National Windstorm Impact Reduction Reauthorization Act of 2008 - Amends the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of 2004 to revise provisions governing the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program. Designates the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) as the lead agency for Program planning, management, and coordination. (Repeals provisions regarding the existing Interagency Working Group responsible for Program planning, management, and coordination.)

Establishes the Interagency Working Group on Wind Impact Reduction (IWG) to coordinate activities and facilitate communication among Program agencies in reducing the impacts of windstorms.

Requires the Director of NIST to: (1) establish a Program Office to ensure coordination and synergy across Program agencies; (2) prepare the Program's annual budget; (3) facilitate preparation of the IWG's biennial report to Congress and the National Science and Technology Council; (4) support research and development for building codes and standards; (5) promote implementation of research results; (6) support deployment of interagency teams to investigate major windstorm events and data collection and analysis; and (7) participate in, coordinate, or support other Program mitigation activities.

Sets forth: (1) the duties of the Program Office and of the IWG (including preparation of an interim working plan for Program operations and a strategic plan for achieving Program objectives); and (2) supportive roles of the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Department of Transportation (DOT), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Authorizes appropriations for the Program for FY2009-FY2013.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Sep 26, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 26, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9717-9718)
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