

HR 2904

Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2011

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Apr 3, 2012
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 3563	Related bill	Sep 20, 2012: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 496.
112 S 2319	Related bill	Apr 19, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2011 - Amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to direct the President, acting through the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to modernize and implement the integrated U.S. public alert and warning system to ensure that the President can alert governmental authorities and the civilian population in areas endangered by disasters.

Directs the Administrator, consistent with the final recommendations of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Advisory Committee (established by this Act), to: (1) establish common alerting and warning protocols, standards, terminology, and operating procedures for such system; (2) include in such system the capability to adapt the distribution and content of communications on the basis of geographic location, risks, or personal user preferences and to alert individuals with disabilities or limited English proficiency; and (3) ensure that training, tests, and exercises are conducted for such system.

Requires the system to: (1) incorporate multiple communications technologies; (2) be designed to incorporate future technologies for communicating directly with the public, to provide alerts to the largest portion of the affected population feasible, including nonresident visitors and tourists, and to improve the ability of remote areas to receive alerts; (3) promote local and regional partnerships to enhance community preparedness and response; and (4) provide redundant alert mechanisms.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 14, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Sep 13, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 13, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.