

HR 1472

Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2015

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 15, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1738	Related bill	Dec 8, 2016: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 667.
114 S 1180	Related bill	Apr 11, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-143.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2015

This bill directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to modernize and implement the integrated public alert and warning system of the United States to ensure that the President is able, under all conditions, to alert governmental authorities and the civilian population in areas endangered by disasters, including by:

- establishing common alerting and warning protocols, standards, terminology, and operating procedures for such system;
- including 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 and individuals with access and functional needs;
- ensuring that training, tests, and exercises are conducted for such system;
- establishing and integrating into the National Incident Management System a comprehensive and periodic training program to instruct and educate federal, state, tribal, and local government officials in the use of the Common Alerting Protocol enabled Emergency Alert System; and
- ensuring that the system is resilient, secure, and can withstand acts of terrorism and other external attacks.

The system shall:

- incorporate multiple communications technologies,
- be designed to incorporate future technologies for communicating directly with the public to provide alerts to the largest portion of the affected population feasible and to improve the ability of remote areas to receive alerts,
- promote local and regional partnerships to enhance community preparedness and response,
- provide redundant alert mechanisms, and
- protect individual privacy.

FEMA must: (1) submit a detailed plan to implement the system, including a time line, a spending plan, and recommendations for any additional authority necessary; and (2) establish the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Advisory Committee to develop recommendations for the system.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 30, 2016:** Reported by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 114-900.
- **Dec 30, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 711.
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management Discharged.
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 20, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Mar 19, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 19, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.