

## HR 23

### National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** Jan 6, 2015

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**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 114-52. (Sep 30, 2015)

**Law:** 114-52 (Enacted Sep 30, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/23>

### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Jan 6, 2015
Rep. Esty, Elizabeth H. [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jan 6, 2015
Rep. Hultgren, Randy [R-IL-14]	R · IL		Jan 6, 2015
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Jan 6, 2015
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jan 6, 2015
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Jan 6, 2015
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jan 6, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 11, 2015
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 6, 2015
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 7, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on June 11, 2015. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

### **National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization of 2015**

(Sec. 2) Amends the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of 2004 to revise provisions governing the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program and to reauthorize the Program through FY2017.

Defines the "Director" of the Program to mean the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) (currently, the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy). Revises the definition of "windstorm" to explicitly include a northeaster.

(Sec. 3) Designates NIST as the entity with primary responsibility for Program planning and coordination and expands the responsibilities of the other Program agencies, which include the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Requires NIST to: (1) ensure that the Program includes the necessary components to promote implementation of windstorm risk reduction measures, (2) support the development of performance-based engineering tools, (3) request the assistance of federal agencies other than the Program agencies as necessary, (4) coordinate all federal post-windstorm investigations to the extent practicable, and (5) issue recommendations to assist in informing the development of model codes.

Requires NSF to support research in economic and social factors influencing windstorm risk reduction measures.

Requires FEMA to: (1) promote the adoption of windstorm preparedness and mitigation measures, including for households, businesses, and communities; and (2) work closely with national standards and model building code organizations to promote the implementation of research results and promote better building practices within the building design and construction industry.

Requires the Directors of the Program agencies to each include in their agency's annual budget request a description of their agency's projected activities under the Program and an assessment of what they plan to spend on those activities.

Replaces provisions establishing an Interagency Working Group with provisions establishing the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Windstorm Impact Reduction, which shall be composed of the heads or designees of the Program agencies and the Office of Management and Budget. Directs the Committee to oversee Program planning and coordination and to develop and submit to Congress a strategic plan, progress report, and coordinated budget for the Program.

(Sec. 4) Revises provisions providing for the establishment of an Advisory Committee on Windstorm Impact Reduction (currently, the National Advisory Committee on Windstorm Impact Reduction), which shall: (1) be composed of at least seven non-federal members; (2) provide recommendations to be considered by federal agencies in implementing the Program; and (3) offer assessments and recommendations on the priorities of the Program's strategic plan, coordination of the Program, effectiveness of the Program in meeting its purposes, and Program revisions. Terminates the Committee on September 30, 2017.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 30, 2015:** Signed by President.
- **Sep 30, 2015:** Became Public Law No: 114-52.
- **Sep 21, 2015:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 16, 2015:** Mr. Smith (TX) moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H5987-5990)
- **Sep 16, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on the Senate amendment to H.R. 23.
- **Sep 16, 2015:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by voice vote.(text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H5987-5988)
- **Sep 16, 2015:** On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by voice vote. (text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H5987-5988)
- **Sep 16, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 24, 2015:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 23, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S5557-5558; text as passed Senate: CR S5557-5558)
- **Jul 23, 2015:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5557-5558; text as passed Senate: CR S5557-5558)
- **Jun 11, 2015:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 114-62.
- **Jun 11, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 114.
- **Feb 26, 2015:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jan 8, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Jan 7, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jan 7, 2015:** Mr. Smith (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jan 7, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H83-87)
- **Jan 7, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 23.
- **Jan 7, 2015:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jan 7, 2015:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H94)
- **Jan 7, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 381 - 39 (Roll no. 10).(text: CR H84-85)
- **Jan 7, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 7, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 381 - 39 (Roll no. 10). (text: CR H84-85)
- **Jan 6, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 6, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.