

## S 2385

### Authenticating Local Emergencies and Real Threats Act of 2018

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** Feb 6, 2018

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management. (Jun 28, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/2385>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Feb 6, 2018
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 6, 2018
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 6, 2018
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Feb 6, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jun 26, 2018
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 28, 2018
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 28, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4965	Identical bill	<b>Feb 13, 2018:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications.

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This bill requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to consider recommendations of the National Advisory Council for best practices to maintain the integrity of the integrated public alert and warning system to protect against natural or man-made disasters, acts of terrorism, or threats to public safety.

FEMA shall: (1) establish a process to ensure that an incident management and warning tool used by a state, tribal, or local government to originate and transmit an alert through the system meets minimum requirements established by FEMA; and (2) review the memoranda of understanding between FEMA and state, tribal, and local governments regarding the system to ensure that all agreements comply with such requirements.

The authority to originate an alert warning the public of a missile launch directed against a state shall reside solely with the federal government. Upon verification of a missile threat, the President may activate the system.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 28, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications.
- **Jun 28, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.
- **Jun 26, 2018:** Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4456-4458)
- **Jun 26, 2018:** Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4456-4458)
- **Jun 26, 2018:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.
- **Jun 26, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 26, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 6, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 6, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.