

HR 6427

READI Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 18, 2018
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 19, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3238	Identical bill	Dec 19, 2018: Held at the desk.

## **Reliable Emergency Alert Distribution Improvement Act of 2018 or the READI Act**

This bill amends the Warning, Alert, and Response Network Act to include emergency alerts from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a type of alert that subscribers of commercial mobile service licensees may not block from their devices (currently, alerts from the President may not be blocked).

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) must adopt regulations that encourage states to establish a State Emergency Communications Commission (SECC) and provide that each SECC meet at least annually to review and update its Emergency Alert System Plan (State EAS Plan). The FCC must approve or disapprove the updated plan.

FEMA shall develop and issue guidance for state, tribal, and local governments relating to emergency alerts.

The FCC shall complete: (1) a rulemaking proceeding to establish a system to receive from FEMA or state, tribal, or local governments reports of false alerts under the emergency alert system (EAS) or the Wireless EAS to record such false alerts and examine their causes; (2) a rulemaking proceeding to modify the EAS to provide for repeating messages while an alert remains pending; and (3) an inquiry to examine the feasibility of establishing systems and signaling to offer EAS alerts to audio and video streaming services delivered over the Internet.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 19, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jul 18, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 18, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.