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Fire Ready Nation Act of 2022

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		May 17, 2022
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		May 24, 2022
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		May 24, 2022
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		May 24, 2022
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		May 24, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 15, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8449	Related bill	Jul 29, 2022: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H7489)

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This bill establishes fire weather programs and activities to improve fire forecasting and readiness.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) shall

- establish a coordinated fire weather services program within NOAA to support readiness, responsiveness, and overall resilience of the United States to wildfires, fire weather, smoke, and other associated conditions, hazards, and impacts in built and natural environments (including at the wildland-urban interface);
- develop a comprehensive, centralized, and publicly accessible digital presence designed to promote usability of the services, tools, data, and information produced by the program;
- seek to acquire sufficient high-performance computing resources and capacity for research, operations, and data storage in support of the program;
- establish a fire weather testbed to evaluate the accuracy and usability of technology, models, fire weather products and services, and other research to accelerate the implementation and use of new capabilities by NOAA, federal and land management agencies, and other relevant stakeholders;
- conduct annual post-fire-weather season surveys and assessments;
- establish an Incident Meteorologist Service within the National Weather Service (NWS);
- assess resources, personnel, procedures, and activities necessary to maximize the functionality and utility of the automated surface observing system and implement a plan that addresses the findings of the assessment; and
- conduct a workforce support services assessment of NWS employees engaged in emergency response.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 15, 2022:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Cantwell with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Dec 15, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 662.
- **May 25, 2022:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 17, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 17, 2022:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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