

## S 1394

### Block Nuclear Launch by Autonomous Artificial Intelligence Act of 2023

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** May 1, 2023

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (May 1, 2023)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/1394>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 1, 2023
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 1, 2023
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 1, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 1, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2894	Related bill	<b>Apr 26, 2023:</b> Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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.

### Summary (as of May 1, 2023)

#### Block Nuclear Launch by Autonomous Artificial Intelligence Act of 2023

This bill prohibits the use of federal funds for an autonomous weapons system that is not subject to meaningful human control to launch a nuclear weapon or to select or engage targets for the purposes of launching a nuclear weapon. With respect to an autonomous weapons system, meaningful human control means human control of the (1) selection and engagement of targets: and (2) time, location, and manner of use.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 1, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
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