

S 1414

National Weather Service Communications Improvement Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: May 3, 2023

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Dec 22, 2023)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/1414>

Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		May 3, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 4, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 6093	Related bill	May 1, 2024: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
118 HR 1496	Related bill	May 16, 2023: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 41.

Summary (as of Dec 18, 2023)

National Weather Service Communications Improvement Act

This bill requires the National Weather Service (NWS) to replace NWSChat with a commercial, off-the-shelf communications solution that is hosted on the public cloud. (NWSChat is an instant messaging program used by NWS personnel to share, in real-time, critical warnings and other types of weather information.)

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 22, 2023:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 22, 2023:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 20, 2023:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 19, 2023:** By Senator Cantwell from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Report No. 118-140.
- **Dec 18, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6028; text: CR S6028)
- **Dec 18, 2023:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6028; text: CR S6028)
- **Dec 4, 2023:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Cantwell without amendment. Without written report.
- **Dec 4, 2023:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 260.
- **May 10, 2023:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 3, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 3, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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