

S 1416

NWR Modernization Act of 2023

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/1416>

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 1482	Related bill	May 16, 2023: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 40.

Summary (as of Dec 18, 2023)

NOAA Weather Radio Modernization Act of 2023 or the NWR Modernization Act of 2023

This bill requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to update the NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) network. (NWR is a nationwide network of radio stations that broadcasts weather information 24-7 from the nearest National Weather Service office, including weather warnings, watches, and forecasts.)

Specifically, NOAA must update NWR to expand its coverage and support its reliability, particularly in rural and underserved communities, through timely repairs, additional equipment, software upgrades, alternative means of transmissions, and other system changes. NOAA must assess and report on access to the current system to identify potential improvements.

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. 118-141.
- **Dec 18, 2023:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S6027-6028; text: CR S6028)
- **Dec 18, 2023:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6027-6028; 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. 259.
- **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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