

HR 1482

NWR Modernization Act of 2023

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Mar 9, 2023
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Mar 9, 2023
Rep. Miller, Max L. [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Mar 9, 2023
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Mar 9, 2023
Rep. Jackson, Jeff [D-NC-14]	D · NC		Mar 28, 2023
Rep. Lee, Summer L. [D-PA-12]	D · PA		Mar 29, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported By	May 16, 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 S 1416	Related bill	Dec 22, 2023: Held at the desk.

## **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 expand and enhance the NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR), which is a nationwide network of radio stations that broadcast continuous weather information from the National Weather Service.

NOAA must expand coverage of the NWR and ensure its reliability by

- maintaining support for systems that serve areas that lack or have poor quality cellular service;
- ensuring consistent maintenance of broadcast equipment;
- strengthening the ability of the NWR to amplify non-weather emergency messages; and
- acquiring additional transmitters to expand coverage to rural and underserved communities, national parks, and recreation areas.

NOAA must also assess methods for enhancing the NWR, such as broadcasting continuously and in real time and making the NWR compatible with third-party platforms (e.g., websites and mobile applications). Prioritizing recommendations from the assessment, NOAA must further enhance the NWR, including by (1) upgrading telecommunications infrastructure to expedite the transition to internet-based broadcasts, and (2) researching means to transmit NWR signals to remote transmitters or those that do not have internet capabilities.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 16, 2023:** Reported by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. Rept. 118-60.
- **May 16, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 40.
- **Mar 29, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 29, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 36 - 0.
- **Mar 9, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 9, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.