

## HR 1496

### National Weather Service Communications Improvement Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

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## 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 S 1414	Related bill	Dec 22, 2023: Held at the desk.

## Summary (as of May 16, 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.) The NWS shall allocate up to \$3 million of its funding for FY2024-FY2027 on the replacement.

## Actions Timeline

- **May 16, 2023:** Reported by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. Rept. 118-61.
- **May 16, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 41.
- **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.