

## HR 369

### NIST Wildland Fire Communications and Information Dissemination 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	Sep 1, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

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## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 4866	Related bill	Apr 30, 2024: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## **NIST Wildland Fire Communications and Information Dissemination Act**

This bill requires research on public safety communication coordination standards related to wildland firefighting.

The Public Safety and Communications Research Division of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) must carry out research on such standards among wildland firefighters, fire management response officials, and specified federal agencies responsible for coordinating and mobilizing for wildland fire and other incidents. The research must also focus on improving and integrating existing communications systems to allow for secure, real-time transmission of data, alerts, and advisories to fire management officials and wildland firefighters. In carrying out the research, the division must (1) conduct live and virtual field tests of equipment, software, and other technologies; and (2) consult with NIST's Fire Research Division and communication technology manufacturers.

NIST must also publish recommendations to improve public safety communication coordination standards among wildland first responders and fire management officials. In addition, NIST must provide the recommendations to the Office of Management and Budget and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy for relevant agencies to implement.

Within one year of the publication of NIST's recommendations, the Government Accountability Office must report on the extent to which the agencies have implemented the recommendations.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 1, 2023:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. Rept. 118-178.
- **Sep 1, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 142.
- **Jun 21, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 30 - 0.
- **Jun 21, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Jan 17, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 17, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.