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Water System Threat Preparedness and Resilience Act of 2023

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Water Resources Development

**Introduced:** Mar 6, 2023

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Mar 6, 2023)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 6, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 1367	Identical bill	<b>Mar 10, 2023:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials.

## **Water System Threat Preparedness and Resilience Act of 2023**

This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to create a program to support increased membership and involvement of certain smaller water utilities and water treatment works (e.g., wastewater systems) in the Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (WaterISAC). As background, WaterISAC is a group of water and wastewater systems and associations that coordinate with the EPA and other federal agencies to collect and analyze data on water security and threats. WaterISAC also provides analysis and resources to support response, mitigation, and resilience initiatives.

Under the bill, the EPA must develop a program to

- encourage and support WaterISAC membership by community water systems (e.g., public water systems that regularly serve at least 25 year-round residents) and water treatment works,
- offset membership dues for community water systems and water treatment works,
- cooperate and coordinate with WaterISAC to expand incident data collection and analysis of threats related to the water sector, and
- enhance WaterISAC's tools and resources for monitoring the water sector and increase the preparedness of community water systems and publicly owned water treatment works to identify and respond to malevolent acts or natural hazards.

### **Actions Timeline**

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