

Recommendations from the Office of Emergency Services: Alert and Warning Systems

Platform	Section	Change Type	General Description of Priority/Issue	Proposed Platform Language
Federal	Emergency Preparedness & Response	Add	Universal Participation in Wireless Emergency Alerts	SUPPORT federal legislation and regulatory frameworks ensuring all wireless carriers participate in the Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) program to enhance nationwide public safety.
Federal	Emergency Preparedness & Response	Add	Preserve Integrity of Emergency Alert Systems and delivery pathways	(WEA) or Emergency Alert System (EAS) use for non-emergency messaging to maintain the effectiveness and trust in these critical systems.
Federal	Emergency Preparedness & Response	Add	Ensuring Accessibility of Emergency Alerts	SUPPORT federal policies promoting universal accessibility of emergency alert systems to ensure equitable access for all populations, including vulnerable communities.
Federal	Emergency Preparedness & Response	Add	Advancing Geotargeting for Accurate Alerts	SUPPORT federal efforts and funding to implement automatic geotargeting capabilities for push-to-text notifications, ensuring precise and effective delivery of emergency alerts.
Federal	Emergency Preparedness & Response	Add	Advancement of Technology for Emergency Alert Delivery	SUPPORT expanded state authority to work directly with wireless carriers to develop and enhance geo-targeting capabilities for Non-Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) emergency alert delivery capabilities.
Federal	Emergency Preparedness & Response	Add	Enhancing VOIP Emergency Access	SUPPORT legislation requiring VOIP providers to utilize the Private Switch/Automatic Location Identification (PS/ALI) database to improve emergency call routing and location accuracy.
State	Emergency Preparedness & Response	Add	Mandate carrier participation in WEA in California	SUPPORT California legislation requiring all wireless carriers to participate in the Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) program to ensure universal public access to life-saving notifications.
State	Emergency Preparedness & Response	Add	Preserving Access to POTS for Communication	SUPPORT legislation requiring phone carriers to maintain access to Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS) for vulnerable populations and emergency services, particularly in areas lacking broadband infrastructure.
State	Emergency Preparedness & Response	Add	Mandate access to Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS)	Old Telephone Service (POTS) to ensure reliable communication for vulnerable populations, emergency services, and areas with limited broadband access.

State	Emergency Preparedness & Response	Add Investing in Emergency Alert Innovation	SUPPORT state funding and policy initiatives to develop and deploy innovative emergency alert technologies, improving the reliability and inclusiveness of disaster communication systems.
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Recommendations from the Office of Emergency Services: Emergency Management

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Platform	Section	Change Type	Description of Priority/Issue	Proposed Platform Language	Add'l Information
State	Advocacy Priorities	Modify	Climate Change	SUPPORT efforts that provide resources to local governments to use in addressing impacts of climate change and rising water levels caused by a warming climate. Examples include extreme weather, wildfire smoke, sea level rise, drought, flooding, groundwater rise, fires, and power disruptions.	Changed "extreme heat" to "extreme weather" and added drought language.
Both	Emergency Preparedness & Response	Add	Advocate	ADVOCATE policies that establish weather-related disasters as reimbursable events through existing recovery programs.	
State	Emergency Preparedness & Response	Add	Emergency Communication	SUPPORT policies and funding that will ensure equitable access to essential, life-saving information for all individuals during emergencies	
State	Emergency Preparedness & Response	Modify	Volunteerism	SUPPORT more authority (and resources) to train volunteers, provide funding for Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) to support community preparedness/ resiliency programs.	Remove wording: <i>and help clean-up oil spills without taking on additional legal liability.</i>
State	Emergency Preparedness & Response	Add	Legislation	ENSURE that new emergency and disaster response legislation provides adequate funding and guidance to support legislative initiatives.	
State	Emergency Preparedness & Response	Add	Budget	SUPPORT legislation that provides funding and resources to enhance local emergency management organizations.	
Both	Telecommunications and Broadband	Add	Telecommunications	OPPOSE plans to eliminate access to landlines (Carrier of Last Resort) and other services that would affect the ability to access 911.	

Federal	Emergency Preparedness & Response	Add	Disaster Recovery	ADVOCATE streamlining and standardization of the FEMA recovery process.
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