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Subject: Re: new Wx Bill version
Date: Wed Sep 21 2016 10:04:56 EDT
Attachments:

Can the five of us get on the phone at 10:15? Use this call-in:

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On Wed, Sep 21, 2016 at 9:49 AM, Matthew Borgia - NOAA Federal <matthew.borgia@noaa.gov> wrote:

The entire FTE-related part is NEW from the Reported version. We've never seen it before.

Sent from my mobile device - please excuse brevity and typos

On Sep 21, 2016, at 9:23 AM, Robert Moller - NOAA Federal <robert.moller@noaa.gov> wrote:

But that last sentence, was that in there too? The last sentence in 405(a)?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 21, 2016, at 9:16 AM, John Sokich - NOAA Federal <john.sokich@noaa.gov> wrote:

This is substitute language from the original Thune Bill that consolidated WFOs and created 6 forecast centers. We raised the restrictive language (I believe to Majority) at that time, especially in the context that it codified the current WCM position description, and did not adequately provide leeway for any changes in workforce in the upcoming years (OWA).

j

On Wed, Sep 21, 2016 at 9:09 AM, Robert Moller - NOAA Federal <robert.moller@noaa.gov> wrote:

Oye. This is new language right? It wasn't in 1331, correct? I'm pretty sure it was added to appease the House. I think I need to add this to the list for Sara and talk to her about how best to raise this with Fern who has not sent us any text.

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On Sep 21, 2016, at 8:43 AM, John Sokich - NOAA Federal <john.sokich@noaa.gov> wrote:

GCWs interpretation. Next step?

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From: Hugh Schratwieser - NOAA Federal <hugh.c.schratwieser@noaa.gov>
Date: Wed, Sep 21, 2016 at 8:19 AM
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Cc: Matthew Borgia - NOAA Federal <Matthew.Borgia@noaa.gov>

John,

That is a confusing bit of drafting but it does appear to limit the performance of the duties exclusively to the WCM. Was the drafter trying to force NWS to appoint multiple WCMs? I can see the "at least one" who will be responsible for the duties, but when it says, "No additional full-time equivalent employees are authorized to carry out this section," the text lends itself to the interpretation that only the WCM can "carry out" the duties set forth in "this section." In my opinion, the duties could not realistically be carried out by the WCM, alone, without this being a very debilitating provision for the function of the WFOs.

Hugh

On 9/21/2016 7:50 AM, John Sokich - NOAA Federal wrote:

Would you please review ASAP sec. 405 about the warning coordination meteorologist. Does this limit and prohibit other meteorologists/hydrologists from performing those functions? MIC and SOO and other mets typically do some of those tasks now and will be doing more in the future. Language says "at lease one..." but does that mean that anyone who does those functions must be a WCM classification? Matt, did I capture the concern?

j

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From: Matthew Borgia - NOAA Federal <matthew.borgia@noaa.gov>
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A "compromise" from the Senate side. They're shopping it - and may move it - this week.

Upon quick review, I don't see anything substantially different on the NWS sections which came from the earlier Senate bills (S1331 and 1573). I've not checked all the House side (HR 1561) sections. Please give it a look as soon as you can on Tuesday, and LMK what you think.

I'm guessing that even if it passes the senate, it may not be a bridge far enough on the Satellite data provisions for the House. But.... we'll see, I guess.

Matt

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