

HR 1697

Broadband Competition and Incentives Act of 2001

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Chamber: House

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 15, 2001
Judiciary Committee	House	Hearings By (full committee)	May 22, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 2120	Identical bill	Jun 25, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
107 HR 1698	Identical bill	Jun 13, 2001: For Further Action See H.R.2120.

Broadband Competition and Incentives Act of 2001 - Amends the Clayton Act to prohibit a Bell operating company or affiliate (BOC) from providing interLATA services in any of its in-region States under any amendments to provisions concerning BOCs under the Communications Act of 1934 enacted after April 24, 2001, unless the Attorney General determines that such BOC does not have market power in the provision of wireline telephone exchange service in the State involved. Deems a BOC to have such market power if it provides service to more than 85 percent of the business or residential subscribers in such State at the time it requests that the Attorney General make such determination.

Prohibits a State or political subdivision from imposing: (1) discriminatory taxes on broadband services; or (2) a tax or fee imposed on telecommunications carriers or affiliates thereof, other than incumbent local exchange carriers and affiliates, for the use of public rights-of-way that is greater than the tax or fee imposed on incumbent local exchange carriers or affiliates for their use of public rights-of-way.

Authorizes the Attorney General to make direct loans or loan guarantees to eligible broadband service providers to finance the deployment of broadband services to eligible rural communities and underserved areas. Prohibits the Attorney General from considering the technology proposed to be employed by the applicants. Allows the Attorney General to take a security interest in assets or revenue streams to cover the assets financed.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 13, 2001:** For Further Action See H.R.2120.
- **May 22, 2001:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **May 15, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **May 3, 2001:** Introduced in House
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