

HR 1479

Rural Access to Broadband Service Act

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Research. (May 11, 2005)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: CO • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 22, 2005
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	May 11, 2005
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Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 5, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 1147	Related bill	May 26, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6040-6042)
109 S 497	Related bill	Mar 2, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1944-1946)

Rural Access to Broadband Service Act - Establishes within the Department of Commerce the Rural Broadband Office which shall coordinate all Federal Government resources as they relate to the expansion of broadband technology into rural areas.

Requires the Director of the National Science Foundation to carry out research on the following: (1) means of enhancing or facilitating the availability of broadband telecommunications services in rural areas and other remote areas; and (2) means of facilitating or enhancing access to the Internet through broadband telecommunications services.

Expresses the sense of Congress that the rural electrification loan program under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, which is essential to the economic well-being of small telecommunications providers and to the quality of life for all rural residents, be funded fully.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) permit any qualified broadband expenditure which is paid or incurred by the taxpayer to be treated as an expense which is not chargeable to capital account; and (2) any expenditure so treated to be allowed as a deduction. Defines terms and sets forth rules.

Actions Timeline

- **May 11, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards.
- **May 11, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Research.
- **Apr 22, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **Apr 7, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E585)
- **Apr 5, 2005:** Introduced in House
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