

S 1439

Rural Broadband Improvement Act of 2007

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]

Party: Republican • State: KS • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Salazar, Ken [D-CO]	D · CO		May 21, 2007
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		May 22, 2007
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		May 24, 2007
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 6, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 21, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Rural Broadband Improvement Act of 2007 - Amends the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to extend the rural broadband access loan and loan guarantee program.

Revises the definition of "eligible rural area."

Establishes a non-duplication of terrestrial lines, facilities, or systems requirement.

Requires loan applications to be processed within 180 days.

Eliminates the eligibility prohibition for entities that serve more than 2% of the telephone lines installed in the United States.

Establishes a grant program for development of statewide initiatives to identify and track the availability and adoption of broadband services within eligible rural areas.

Sets forth loan security and equity requirement provisions.

Actions Timeline

- **May 21, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 21, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6951-6952)
- **May 21, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.