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Max Cleland Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jun 19, 2007
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		Jun 19, 2007
Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]	R · VA		Jun 19, 2007
Sen. Webb, Jim [D-VA]	D · VA		Jun 19, 2007
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 27, 2007
Sen. Lott, Trent [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 27, 2007
Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 27, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jan 8, 2008
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jun 22, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 694	Related bill	Oct 4, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
110 S 315	Related bill	Jan 17, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
110 S 291	Related bill	Jan 12, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Max Cleland Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology Opportunity Act - Establishes in the Department of Commerce an Office of Minority Serving Institution Digital and Wireless Technology to: (1) award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements (assistance) to eligible institutions to provide educational instruction in digital and wireless network technologies; and (2) strengthen the national digital and wireless infrastructure by increasing national investment in telecommunications and technology infrastructure at eligible institutions.

Requires the Secretary of Commerce to establish an advisory council on the best approaches for involving eligible institutions in supported activities and for reviewing and evaluating submitted proposals. Requires the council to include members from minority serving institutions.

Makes the following institutions eligible for such assistance: (1) a historically Black college or university; (2) a Hispanic-, Alaska Native-, or Native Hawaiian-serving institution; (3) a tribally controlled college or university; or (4) an institution determined to have enrolled a substantial number of minority, low-income students who received assistance under the Higher Education Act of 1965. Provides a matching funds requirement.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 8, 2008:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Inouye under authority of the order of the Senate of 12/19/2007 with amendments. With written report No. 110-257.
- **Jan 8, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 557.
- **Jun 27, 2007:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Jun 21, 2007:** Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 21, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Jun 19, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 19, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.