

HR 2953

Rural Broadband Access Enhancement Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Housing and Community Development

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 10, 2007
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Housing and Community Development

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Rural Broadband Access Enhancement Act - Amends the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to redefine "eligible rural community."

Permits a loan or loan guarantee applicant in an area where 40% of the residents are without broadband access to qualify with a 10% loan equity position.

Provides for: (1) paperwork reduction; and (2) program outreach to underserved areas.

Prohibits loan or loan guarantees for new broadband service in communities with three or more service providers.

Provides that for each fiscal year: (1) not more than 10% of program funds shall be available to providers with more than 10% of national subscriber lines; and (2) 40% of program funds shall be available to providers with between 2%-10% of national subscriber lines.

Revises the amortization period from the life of the asset to 35 years.

Requires an annual broadband program report to Congress.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 25, 2008:** Executive Comment Requested from USDA.
- **Jul 10, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 10, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jul 10, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.