S 3491

Telehealth for America Act of 2008

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)
Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications
Introduced: Sep 16, 2008
Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sep 16, 2008)
Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/senate-bill/3491

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]
Party: Republican • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 16, 2008
Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]	R · OR		Sep 16, 2008
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	R · TX		Sep 22, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 16, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 16, 2008)

Telehealth for America Act of 2008 - Amends provisions of the Communications Act of 1934 relating to universal service to require a telecommunications carrier, on request, to provide telecommunications services, advanced telecommunications services and information services, and network management services (currently, only telecommunications services) to any public or nonprofit health care provider serving rural areas at rates that are up to 60% less than (currently, reasonably comparable to) urban areas in that state.

Includes 14 specific types of providers, facilities, agencies, and organizations under the terms "rural health clinics and rural health care providers" (as part of the definition of "health care provider").

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 16, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 16, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.