

HR 3646

Broadband Affordability Act of 2009

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 25, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 24, 2009)

Broadband Affordability Act of 2009 - Requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to establish a broadband lifeline program enabling qualifying low-income customers residing in urban and rural areas to purchase broadband service at reduced charges by reimbursing providers for each such customer served.

Requires that the program: (1) be similar in structure to the Lifeline program for basic telephone service; and (2) promote competition from broadband service providers by using neutral technology.

Requires a broadband service provider that is not an eligible telecommunications carrier to obtain FCC authorization to participate in the program.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 25, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet.
- **Sep 24, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 24, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.