

HR 4545

Rural Broadband Initiative Act of 2010

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet. (Jan 29, 2010)

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 27, 2010
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 29, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 2880	Related bill	Dec 14, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Rural Broadband Initiative Act of 2010 - Amends the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to establish in the Department of Agriculture the Office of Rural Broadband Initiatives, to be headed by the Under Secretary for Rural Broadband Initiatives.

States that the Under Secretary shall: (1) administer all rural broadband-related grant and loan programs previously administered by the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, including the rural broadband access loan and loan guarantee program and the community connect grant program; (2) conduct rural outreach; (3) foster development of a comprehensive rural broadband strategic vision; (4) assess relevant technologies; (5) serve as a single information source for all federal rural broadband programs and services; and (6) provide technical assistance to state, regional, and local governments to develop broadband deployment strategies.

Directs the Under Secretary to submit: (1) a comprehensive rural broadband strategy report to the President and to Congress; and (2) a plan for a Rural Broadband Advisory Panel to Congress.

Establishes in the Treasury the National Rural Broadband Innovation Fund.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 29, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet.
- **Jan 27, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 27, 2010:** Referred to House Agriculture
- **Jan 27, 2010:** 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.
- **Jan 27, 2010:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce

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