

S 1659

A bill to return unused or reclaimed funds made available for broadband awards in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to the Treasury of the United States.

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** Oct 5, 2011

**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. (Oct 5, 2011)

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NH • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. DeMint, Jim [R-SC]	R · SC		Oct 5, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 5, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 1343	Identical bill	<b>Oct 6, 2011:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Requires the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service or the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to terminate for cause any award (including grants and loans) made under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, respectively, established pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, if the Administrator or Assistant Secretary determines that cause exists (including insufficient level of performance, wasteful spending, or fraudulent spending) to terminate the award.

Directs the Administrator or the Assistant Secretary to: (1) deobligate, upon terminating such an award, an amount equivalent to such award, as recoverable, less allowable costs; and (2) return to the Treasury's general fund such deobligated amounts and any award returned or disclaimed by a recipient after enactment of this Act.

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### **Actions Timeline**

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