

## S 257

### Small Business Broadband and Emerging Information Technology Enhancement Act of 2011

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Feb 2, 2011

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (text of measure as

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**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-bill/257>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** LA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 2, 2011

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 2, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Small Business Broadband and Emerging Information Technology Enhancement Act of 2011 - Amends the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA) to assign an SBA employee to coordinate SBA programs and activities relating to broadband and emerging information technology (BEIT). Requires the Administrator to provide SBA employees BEIT training in order to assist small businesses in the use of such technologies. Requires reports from the coordinator to the congressional small business committees on coordinator activities and on federal programs that provide BEIT assistance to small businesses.

Includes accessing and using BEIT as an authorized activity of small business development centers.

Authorizes the use of capital provided under certain SBA loans for the purchase of equipment for BEIT.

Directs the Administrator to report on ways to assist with the development of broadband and wireless technology that would benefit small businesses.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 2, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 2, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S483-484)
- **Feb 2, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (text of measure as introduced: CR S484-485)