

S 2643

A bill to require a report by the Federal Communications Commission on designated market areas.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Jul 22, 2014

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. (Jul 22, 2014)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Jul 22, 2014
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Sep 9, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 22, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 22, 2014)

Directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to submit to Congress a report containing an analysis of: (1) the extent to which consumers in each local market have access to broadcast programming from television broadcast stations located outside their local market; (2) whether there are alternatives to the use of designated market areas to define markets that would provide consumers with more local programming options; and (3) the potential impact that such alternatives could have on localism and on broadcast television locally, regionally, and nationally.

Requires such report to include recommendations on how to foster increased localism in states served by out-of-state designated market areas.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 22, 2014:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 22, 2014:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4713-4714)
- **Jul 22, 2014:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.