

## S 2283

### Small Business Broadband Deployment Act of 2016

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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**Latest Action:** By Senator Thune from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Report No. 114-401. Additional views filed. (Dec 9, 2016)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]

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

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Nov 16, 2015
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Dec 1, 2015
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Apr 4, 2016
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 13, 2016
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Jun 28, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 6, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2666	Related bill	Apr 21, 2016: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 431.
114 HR 4596	Related bill	Mar 17, 2016: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## **Small Business Broadband Deployment Act of 2016**

(Sec. 2) This bill exempts any small business broadband Internet access service provider with not more than 250,000 subscribers from the enhancements to the transparency rule of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) under which any person providing broadband Internet access service must disclose publicly accurate information regarding the network management practices, performance, and commercial terms of its broadband Internet access services sufficient for:

- consumers to make informed choices regarding their use; and
- content, application, service, and device providers to develop, market, and maintain Internet offerings.

The FCC shall:

- report to Congress, within 180 days of enactment of this bill, its recommendations (including supporting data) on whether the exception should be made permanent, and whether the definition of "small business," for purposes of the exception, should be modified; and
- within 180 days after such report, commence a rulemaking proceeding to implement the recommendations.

This small business exception shall terminate after the later of: (1) three years after enactment of this bill; or (2) the date on which the FCC adopts rules in its rulemaking proceeding for implementing its recommendations.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 9, 2016:** By Senator Thune from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Report No. 114-401. Additional views filed.
- **Dec 6, 2016:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Dec 6, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 698.
- **Jun 15, 2016:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Nov 16, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 16, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S7969; text of measure as introduced: CR S7969-7970)