

HR 4596

Small Business Broadband Deployment Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]

Party: Republican • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 17, 2016
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported By	Mar 10, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2283	Related bill	Dec 9, 2016: By Senator Thune from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Report No. 114-401. Additional views filed.
114 S 253	Related bill	Sep 28, 2016: Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendments to Senate bill.
114 HRES 640	Procedurally related	Mar 15, 2016: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on March 7, 2016. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill exempts for five years any small business broadband Internet access service provider with no more than 250,000 subscribers from the enhancements to the transparency rule of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) under which any person engaged in the provision of 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 specified congressional committees, within 180 days after enactment of this Act, its recommendations (together with supporting data) on whether:

- this exception should be made permanent, and
- the definition of "small business" for these purposes should be modified.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 17, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
- **Mar 16, 2016:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 640. (consideration: CR H1396-1402; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR H1396-1397)
- **Mar 16, 2016:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4596 and H.R. 3797.
- **Mar 16, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 4596.
- **Mar 16, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Veasey amendment.
- **Mar 16, 2016:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H1401)
- **Mar 16, 2016:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H.R. 4596 the Chair put the question on passage and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Walden demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of passage of the bill until a time to be announced.
- **Mar 16, 2016:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was the question of passage on H.R. 4596 which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Mar 16, 2016:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H1401-1402)
- **Mar 16, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 411 - 0 (Roll no. 124).
- **Mar 16, 2016:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 411 - 0 (Roll no. 124).
- **Mar 16, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 14, 2016:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 640 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4596 and H.R. 3797.
- **Mar 10, 2016:** FILING AUTHORITY - Mr. Whitfield asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Commerce be authorized to file a supplemental report on the bill H.R. 4596. Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 10, 2016:** Supplemental report filed by the Committee on Energy and Commerce, H. Rept. 114-444, Part II.
- **Mar 7, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 114-444.
- **Mar 7, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 339.
- **Feb 25, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 25, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 24, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 24, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Feb 24, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.