

S 1621

Rural Wireless Access Act of 2017

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. (Mar 9, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Jul 24, 2017
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Jul 24, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 24, 2017
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Jul 24, 2017
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jul 24, 2017
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 24, 2017
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 24, 2017
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 24, 2017
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Jul 24, 2017
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Nov 7, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 7, 2018
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 9, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4986	Related bill	Mar 7, 2018: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
115 S 1104	Identical bill	May 11, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
115 HR 1546	Related bill	Mar 17, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

Summary (as of Mar 1, 2018)

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(Sec. 2) This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission to establish a consistent methodology for its collection of coverage data about the available speed tiers and performance characteristics of commercial mobile and data service for the Universal Service program or any similar programs.

The methodology must: (1) include standard definitions for different speed tiers, (2) ensure that coverage data is collected in a consistent and robust way, (3) improve the validity and reliability of coverage data, and (4) increase the efficiency of coverage data collection.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 9, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Mar 5, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 5, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Mar 5, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Mar 1, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S1320; text: CR S1320)
- **Mar 1, 2018:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S1320; text: CR S1320)
- **Feb 7, 2018:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune without amendment. With written report No. 115-206.
- **Feb 7, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 305.
- **Aug 2, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jul 24, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 24, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.