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Rural Reasonable and Comparable Wireless Access Act of 2018

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]

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

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| Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV] | R · WV | | Feb 13, 2018 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] | D · MN | | May 16, 2018 |
| Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV] | D · NV | | May 21, 2018 |
| Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME] | I · ME | | May 22, 2018 |
| Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL] | D · AL | | Dec 12, 2018 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate | Reported By | Oct 9, 2018 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 115 HR 2903 | Related bill | Jun 16, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. |

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This bill directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to commence a rulemaking to establish a national standard for determining whether mobile broadband service in rural areas is reasonably comparable to the service provided in urban areas.

The FCC shall gather data about the average signal strength and speed of mobile broadband service from the 20 most-populated urban areas. The service provided in rural areas shall be deemed reasonably comparable to urban areas if the average signal strength and speed meet or exceed the averages in the most-populated areas.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 9, 2018:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 115-345.
- **Oct 9, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 626.
- **May 22, 2018:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Feb 13, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 13, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.