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Office of Rural Broadband Act

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Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5497	Related bill	Apr 12, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission to establish the Office of Rural Broadband, whose duties shall include:

- coordinating with the Rural Utilities Service and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to ensure the success of initiatives and programs,
- coordinating with the Universal Service Administrative Company to maintain information regarding programs that deploy rural broadband,
- coordinating with agencies to remove barriers to broadband deployment, and
- tracking broadband Internet subscription rates in rural areas.

Actions Timeline

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