

## HR 3895

Smart Cities and Communities Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Oct 2, 2017

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology. (May 22, 2018)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** WA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor                    | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|------------------------------|---------------|------|-------------|
| Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3] | D · NM        |      | Oct 2, 2017 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                                | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|--|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Education and Workforce Committee        | House   | Referred To | Oct 2, 2017  |
| Energy and Commerce Committee            | House   | Referred to | Oct 6, 2017  |
| Foreign Affairs Committee                | House   | Referred To | Oct 2, 2017  |
| Science, Space, and Technology Committee | House   | Referred to | May 22, 2018 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action  |
|-------------|----------------|--|
| 115 HR 4151 | Related bill   | <b>May 22, 2018:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.                          |
| 115 HR 5566 | Related bill   | <b>Apr 18, 2018:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.                   |
| 115 S 1904  | Identical bill | <b>Oct 2, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |

## **Smart Cities and Communities Act of 2017**

This bill establishes programs for the implementation and use of smart technologies and systems in communities of various sizes. A “smart city or community” is one in which innovative, advanced, and trustworthy information, communication, and energy technologies are applied to: (1) improve the health and quality of life of residents; (2) increase efficiency of operations and services; (3) promote economic growth; and (4) improve safety, security, sustainability, resiliency, livability, and work life.

The Department of Commerce shall establish a regional demonstration grant program focused on facilitating adoption, and allowing measurement and validation of performance, of advanced smart city or community technologies and systems. Commerce shall also convene a working group to develop tools for evaluating the cybersecurity of smart city or community technologies.

The Department of Labor shall establish a pilot program to furnish competitive grants for technology-based job training and education programs that provide industry-recognized credentials.

The bill requires strong federal encouragement and support for private sector-led standards development activities.

The bill requires the establishment of a strategic international smart cities and communities trade program that includes trade missions to promote and assist smart-community activities, as by leveraging expertise in infrastructure development.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 22, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Research and Technology.
- **Oct 6, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection.
- **Oct 2, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 2, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, Education and the Workforce, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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