

## HR 4847

### Broadband Deployment Streamlining Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Jan 19, 2018

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. (Feb 8, 2018)

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## Sponsor

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

## Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 8, 2018
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 26, 2018
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 23, 2018
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 22, 2018

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1363	Related bill	Jun 15, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## **Broadband Deployment Streamlining Act**

This bill directs the Department of the Interior, for public lands, and the Department of Agriculture, for National Forest System lands, to issue regulations to: (1) streamline the process for the consideration of applications to locate or modify communications facilities on such lands; and (2) require that such applications be considered and granted on a neutral and non-discriminatory basis.

The bill amends the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 to require executive agencies to grant or deny within 270 days applications for an easement or right-of-way on federal property to install, construct, and maintain wireless service antenna structures and equipment and backhaul transmission equipment.

The Government Accountability Office shall report on:

- how the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ensures that the broadband data collected for the National Broadband Map is accurate, complete, and reliable;
- the extent to which federal agencies or other entities authorized to distribute federal grants or loans for broadband projects rely on such data;
- FCC actions to address the limitations on using such data for policy or funding decisions;
- the extent to which interested parties have challenged the accuracy of information on the map; and
- whether the FCC should collect such data from additional or alternative commercial sources.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 8, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Jan 26, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Jan 23, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Jan 22, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jan 19, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 19, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Energy and Commerce, 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.