

HR 5497

Office of Rural Telecommunications Act

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2959	Related bill	May 24, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Office of Rural Telecommunications Act

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission to establish the Office of Rural Telecommunications, 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 Connect American Fund programs that deploy rural broadband,
- coordinating with agencies to remove barriers to rural broadband deployment, and
- measuring broadband adoption rates in rural areas.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 12, 2018:** Introduced in House
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