

S 875

A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study and submit a report on filing requirements under the Universal Service Fund programs.

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. (Jan 12, 2018)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 11, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 12, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 3523	Related bill	Jul 28, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

(Sec. 1) This bill requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to report to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Congress on the filing requirements for telecommunications carriers or service providers that receive Universal Service Fund support under the Communications Act of 1934 to provide service to qualifying low-income consumers, rural or high-cost areas, rural health care providers, schools, or libraries under the Connect America Fund, Lifeline, E-Rate, Rural Health Care, Remote Areas Fund, Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support, Mobility Fund, and High Cost Loop Support for Rate-of-Return Carriers programs. The report must analyze the financial impact of those filing requirements and provide any recommendations on how to consolidate redundant filing requirements.

After receiving the GAO's report, the FCC must initiate a rulemaking to consolidate redundant filing requirements and incorporate any GAO recommendations that would not violate the Administrative Procedure Act into such rulemaking or any ongoing rulemakings.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 12, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Jan 11, 2018:** Received in the House.
- **Jan 11, 2018:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jan 11, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Jan 10, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S141-142; text: CR S142)
- **Jan 10, 2018:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S141-142; text: CR S142)
- **Dec 11, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 115-192.
- **Dec 11, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 282.
- **Jun 29, 2017:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 6, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.