

S 1046

ACCESS BROADBAND Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NV • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 4, 2019
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Apr 4, 2019
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Apr 4, 2019
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Apr 4, 2019
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		Apr 4, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Apr 9, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Apr 29, 2019
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		May 8, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 1, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4131	Related bill	Jul 1, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
116 HR 7302	Related bill	Jun 25, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
116 HR 1328	Related bill	May 9, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Advancing Critical Connectivity Expands Service, Small Business Resources, Opportunities, Access, and Data Based on Assessed Need and Demand Act or the ACCESS BROADBAND Act

This bill requires the Department of Commerce to establish the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

The office shall connect with communities that need access to high-speed internet and hold regional workshops to share best practices and effective strategies for promoting broadband access and adoption. The bill also requires the office to (1) develop targeted broadband training and presentations for various demographic communities through media; (2) develop and distribute publications providing guidance to communities for expanding broadband access and adoption; and (3) cooperate with state agencies that provide similar investments, outreach, and coordination through federal programs.

The NTIA shall assign its similar activities to the office, and the office shall consult with any agency offering a federal broadband support program in order to streamline the application process for financial assistance or grants.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 1, 2020:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 116-274.
- **Oct 1, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 567.
- **Mar 11, 2020:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 4, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 4, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.