

S 1239

ROBO Calls and Texts Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 30, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2355	Related bill	Apr 30, 2019: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Regulatory Oversight Barring Obnoxious Calls and Texts Act of 2019 or the ROBO Calls and Texts Act

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to establish a Robocall Division within the Enforcement Bureau.

The Robocall Division shall be tasked with (1) ensuring consumer protection and compliance with federal laws relating to robocalls; (2) serving as a line of communication between the federal government and the communications industry, as well as between the FCC and related federal agencies, to coordinate efforts to eliminate robocalls; and (3) managing and addressing consumer complaints regarding robocalls.

Additionally, the bill requires the FCC to compel telecommunications providers to adopt technological standards for preventing robocalls.

Actions Timeline

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