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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.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Jan 16, 2019)

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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	Referred To	Jan 16, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 711	Identical bill	Jan 25, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

Summary (as of Jan 16, 2019)

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 program support to provide service to qualifying low-income consumers, rural or high-cost areas, rural health care providers, schools, or libraries. 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 report, the FCC must initiate a rulemaking to consolidate redundant filing requirements and incorporate any of the reported recommendations.

Actions Timeline

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