

## HR 2929

### Rural Broadband Network Advancement Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. (May 23, 2019)

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## Sponsor

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

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Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]	R · OK		May 23, 2019
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Jun 6, 2019
Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Jul 11, 2019
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Jul 11, 2019
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Jul 11, 2019
Rep. Watkins, Steve [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Jul 11, 2019
Rep. Horn, Kendra S. [D-OK-5]	D · OK		Aug 2, 2019
Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Sep 19, 2019
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Oct 18, 2019
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Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Jun 4, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 23, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Rural Broadband Network Advancement Act of 2019

This bill establishes a program to collect fees for broadband network usage in rural areas and distribute them to rural broadband providers.

Specifically, edge providers (online content or service providers such as search engines and streaming video platforms, so called because they are located at the edge of a network) that have their data transported through rural broadband providers in high-cost rural areas must pay network user fees. Such fees shall be distributed to eligible rural broadband providers for (1) deploying rural broadband networks, (2) operating and maintaining rural broadband networks, or (3) delivering broadband internet to users in high-cost rural areas.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 23, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
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- **May 22, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.