

HR 55

Connecting Broadband Deserts Act of 2019

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 25, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 3, 2019)

Connecting Broadband Deserts Act of 2019

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to conduct an annual inquiry on the availability of advanced telecommunications capability in broadband deserts, including whether such capability is being deployed in a reasonable and timely fashion. If it is not, the FCC shall take immediate action to accelerate deployment of such capability by removing barriers to infrastructure investment and promoting competition. The term "broadband desert" means a census block in an urban area in which fewer than 33% of end-user premises do not have access to advanced telecommunications capability.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.