

## HR 711

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.

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jan 22, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. (Jan 25, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/711>

### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor                      | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Rep. Loebssack, David [D-IA-2] | D · IA        |      | Jan 22, 2019 |

### Committee Activity

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

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

| Bill      | Relationship   | Last Action  |
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| 116 S 161 | Identical bill | Jan 16, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |

### Summary (as of Jan 22, 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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- **Jan 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Jan 22, 2019:** Introduced in House
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