

HR 1046

Federal Broadband Deployment in Unserved Areas Act

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 18, 2021
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill establishes measures to facilitate the sharing of broadband availability data among federal agencies to support the deployment of broadband in unserved areas.

Specifically, the bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to share certain broadband availability data (i.e., broadband maps) with the federal agencies responsible for overseeing public land, including National Forest Service land.

The bill also establishes a working group to facilitate the preparation and interoperability of information technology systems for the provision and receipt of specified broadband information collected by the FCC.

Lastly, the bill requires a preliminary assessment of any potential barriers to such information sharing and a follow-up report assessing (1) the effectiveness of a user's ability to locate broadband infrastructure on public land, and (2) the prioritization of the review of applications for a communications use authorization in unserved areas.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Mar 15, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Feb 16, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Feb 15, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 15, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.