

HR 1047

Rural Broadband Permitting Efficiency Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 25, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 18, 2021
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3370	Related bill	Jul 13, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

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This bill authorizes federal departments to delegate federal environmental compliance for broadband projects to states and Indian tribes.

Specifically, the bill requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of the Interior to establish a voluntary program whereby states or Indian tribes may opt-in to an agreement allowing them to take on the responsibility of environmental review for the permitting of broadband projects.

Such projects must be located within an operational right-of-way (all real property interests acquired for the construction or operation of a project) on (1) national forest system land, (2) land managed by Interior, or (3) Indian lands.

USDA and Interior shall also establish broadband permit streamlining teams to coordinate and expedite permitting decisions for broadband projects.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 25, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Mar 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
- **Mar 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Feb 15, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 15, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on 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.