

## HR 1051

### BROADBAND Leadership Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	R · NC		Feb 23, 2021
Rep. Cawthorn, Madison [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Apr 30, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 16, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3435	Related bill	Jul 7, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.

## **Barriers and Regulatory Obstacles Avoids Deployment of Broadband Access and Needs Deregulatory Leadership Act or the BROADBAND Leadership Act**

This bill limits the authority of, and places deadlines on, a state or local government over decisions regarding the placement, construction, and modification of telecommunications service facilities.

Specifically, the bill requires that the regulation of the placement, construction, or modification of a telecommunications service facility by any state or local government shall not unreasonably discriminate among providers of functionally equivalent services. Further, any decision to deny a placement, construction, or modification request must be in writing and supported by substantial evidence in a written record.

Additionally, a state or local government must grant or deny a complete request for authorization to place, construct, or modify a telecommunications service facility within 90 days of receipt of the request or within 150 days of receipt of a request to take any other action relating to such facility.

A state or local government is authorized to charge a reasonable, objective, cost-based fee for (1) review of a request, or (2) use of a right-of-way or a facility in a right-of-way that is owned or managed by the state or local government.

### **Actions Timeline**

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