

## S 1695

Eliminating Barriers to Rural Internet Development Grant Eligibility Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (May 19, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]

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

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Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 19, 2021
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		May 19, 2021
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		May 19, 2021
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Jun 14, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 19, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3193	Identical bill	<b>Nov 15, 2021:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## **Eliminating Barriers to Rural Internet Development Grant Eligibility Act or the E-BRIDGE Act**

This bill authorizes the Department of Commerce to award economic development grants for public-private partnerships and certain consortiums to carry out specified broadband projects.

Such projects shall be to provide, extend, expand, or improve high-speed broadband service through (1) planning, technical assistance, or training; (2) land acquisition or development; or (3) acquisition, construction, or improvement of facilities.

Title to real or personal property acquired or improved with grant funds, or another acceptable possessory interest, must be vested in a public partner or eligible nonprofit organization or association for the useful life of the project. In addition, grant funds may be combined with amounts made available under any other federal program, and Commerce may provide credit toward the nonfederal share of a broadband project's cost.

### **Actions Timeline**

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