

HR 1783

Accessible, Affordable Internet for All Act

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Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Mar 11, 2021
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Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Mar 11, 2021
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Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Mar 11, 2021
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Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Mar 11, 2021
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Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Apr 5, 2021

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Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Apr 5, 2021
Rep. Auchincloss, Jake [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Apr 8, 2021
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Apr 19, 2021
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Apr 19, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Apr 28, 2021
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		May 12, 2021
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		May 17, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 18, 2021
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Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Jun 1, 2021
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Jun 11, 2021
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Jun 14, 2021
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jun 23, 2021
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Jul 6, 2021
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Jul 16, 2021
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jul 16, 2021
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Jul 16, 2021
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Jul 26, 2021
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Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Jul 27, 2021
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Jul 27, 2021
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Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Aug 3, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Aug 24, 2021
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Dec 8, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 28, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 12, 2021
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 12, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1848	Related bill	Jan 20, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
117 HR 3703	Related bill	Jun 7, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
117 HR 1721	Related bill	May 21, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.
117 HR 1631	Related bill	May 11, 2021: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E501-502)
117 S 1460	Related bill	Apr 29, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
117 S 979	Related bill	Mar 25, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
117 S 745	Related bill	Mar 15, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
117 HR 1841	Related bill	Mar 12, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
117 S 724	Related bill	Mar 11, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
117 S 741	Related bill	Mar 11, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
117 HR 1672	Related bill	Mar 10, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
117 HR 1673	Related bill	Mar 10, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
117 HR 1700	Related bill	Mar 10, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
117 HR 1714	Related bill	Mar 10, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
117 HR 1590	Related bill	Mar 4, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

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This bill reauthorizes through FY2026, revises, and establishes grants and activities to promote access to broadband internet and other telecommunication services.

The bill addresses digital equity and inclusion through grants and by requiring studies on barriers to adoption of broadband services and related matters.

The bill addresses broadband affordability and access. It (1) reauthorizes and expands various programs that subsidize or otherwise support broadband services for eligible households, schools and libraries, and tribal lands and populations; and (2) establishes a program for expanding broadband service for underserved areas and community support organizations (e.g., schools and religious organizations). Additionally, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) must award grants and take other actions to expand programs that verify an individual's eligibility for subsidized services.

The bill addresses broadband data collection, disclosure, and sharing. The FCC must (1) issue rules regarding the collection of pricing data and labels that disclose information about broadband plans to consumers, and (2) collaborate and share data with federal agencies and other stakeholders.

The bill makes financing (e.g., low-interest loans) available to communities and public-private partnerships for broadband infrastructure investments. Additionally, the Department of Transportation must require states to install conduits for broadband cables as part of certain highway projects. The bill also sets up a task force on nationwide dig once requirements (i.e., policies or practices to minimize excavations of highway rights-of-way when installing telecommunications infrastructure).

Further, the bill preempts state laws that prohibit certain telecommunications service providers (e.g., public providers) from providing high-speed broadband services.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
- **Mar 12, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Mar 12, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 11, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.