

HR 1783

Accessible, Affordable Internet for All Act

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| Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1] | D · CO | | Dec 8, 2021 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| 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.