

HR 3369

Broadband for Rural America Act

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Chamber: House

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Rep. Cline, Ben [R-VA-6]	R · VA		Jun 22, 2021
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Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]	R · IA		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Jun 23, 2021
Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Jun 30, 2021
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Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Jun 30, 2021
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Rep. Kustoff, David [R-TN-8]	R · TN		Jul 9, 2021
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Jul 13, 2021

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Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Jul 16, 2021
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Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Aug 23, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 7, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 21, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 20, 2021)

Broadband for Rural America Act

This bill modifies and consolidates Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs for expanding broadband internet in rural areas.

Specifically, the bill modifies a program that provides grants, loans, and loan guarantees to support broadband expansion in rural areas. Modifications include revising the criteria used to prioritize applications and projects and changing the name of the program to the ReConnect Rural Broadband Program.

Additionally, the bill terminates on June 30, 2022, a Department of Agriculture (USDA) COVID-19 response program that supports broadband expansion in rural areas for distance learning and telemedicine. Any remaining program funds available after the termination date shall be used for the ReConnect Rural Broadband Program.

The bill also expands coordination requirements that apply to the Department of Commerce, USDA, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. This includes requiring the use of specified FCC maps when assessing a community's access to broadband.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 7, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
- **May 21, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **May 20, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 20, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.