

HR 3435

American Broadband Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 7, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 21, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	May 20, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1042	Related bill	Oct 1, 2021: Unfavorable Executive Comment Received from Union Sta Redev Corp.
117 HR 4825	Related bill	Jul 30, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
117 HR 1049	Related bill	Mar 25, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
117 HR 1103	Related bill	Feb 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
117 HR 1141	Related bill	Feb 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.
117 HR 1148	Related bill	Feb 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
117 HR 1149	Related bill	Feb 19, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
117 HR 1039	Related bill	Feb 16, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.
117 HR 1045	Related bill	Feb 16, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
117 HR 1051	Related bill	Feb 16, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
117 HR 1055	Related bill	Feb 16, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
117 HR 1056	Related bill	Feb 16, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.
117 HR 1058	Related bill	Feb 16, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
117 HR 1060	Related bill	Feb 16, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
117 HR 1061	Related bill	Feb 16, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
117 HR 1064	Related bill	Feb 16, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
117 HR 1067	Related bill	Feb 16, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
117 HR 1069	Related bill	Feb 16, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
117 HR 1073	Related bill	Feb 16, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.
117 HR 1074	Related bill	Feb 16, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.

American Broadband Act

This bill addresses broadband and other communications services.

The bill limits applicable state and local regulatory authority. Limitations include setting (and providing statutory authority for) deadlines for reviews and decisions related to personal wireless and other telecommunication service facilities, as well as cable franchises and services. Further, a state or locality may not provide broadband services in areas with more than one other commercial provider.

The bill exempts certain telecommunications infrastructure projects from environmental and historic preservation reviews, including projects carried out after a declared disaster or emergency (e.g., a wildfire).

The bill also establishes a rebuttable presumption that a request for a review of the effects of deploying wireless service on historically, culturally, or religiously significant tribal or Native Hawaiian land is complete if the tribe or Native Hawaiian organization receives certain forms.

The bill enhances criminal penalties for willful or malicious destruction of a communication facility.

Furthermore, the General Services Administration must establish a common fee schedule for deploying wireless facilities that affect federal property.

Additionally, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration must

- award grants for expanding high-speed broadband access,
- facilitate through an interagency strike force timely reviews of telecommunications-related requests that affect federal property (e.g., a request for an easement or right-of-way), and
- report on certain requests concerning communications facilities on federal real property.

The bill also requires collaboration among federal agencies that support broadband deployment.

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 Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, 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.