

HR 3970

Accelerating Rural Broadband Deployment Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. (Jun 21, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

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Committee Activity

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| Natural Resources Committee | House | Referred To | Jun 17, 2021 |
| Transportation and Infrastructure Committee | House | Referred to | Jun 21, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill authorizes the granting of an occupancy license to any person who requests access to a right-of-way that is owned by the federal government in order to place, construct, modify, or operate facilities for the provision of broadband service.

Specifically, an executive agency with control over such a right-of-way may grant an occupancy license for the expansion of broadband service. An occupancy license may not have a duration of more than 30 years and may be automatically renewed. The granting agency must establish an annual license fee and make a decision regarding the issuance of the occupancy license within 60 days of receiving an application for a license. If the agency does not act on a request within 60 days, the application shall be considered granted.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 21, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Jun 17, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 17, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.