

HR 6314

Reforming Broadband Connectivity Act of 2021

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. (Dec 17, 2021)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CO • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (16 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Rep. Cammack, Kat [R-FL-3] | R · FL | | Dec 16, 2021 |
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| Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7] | D · TX | | Dec 16, 2021 |
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| Rep. Rose, John W. [R-TN-6] | R · TN | | May 10, 2022 |
| Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5] | R · KY | | May 11, 2022 |
| Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2] | D · WI | | May 16, 2022 |
| Rep. Fitzgerald, Scott [R-WI-5] | R · WI | | Jun 3, 2022 |
| Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6] | R · WI | | Jun 3, 2022 |
| Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13] | R · NC | | Jun 13, 2022 |
| Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1] | D · HI | | Jun 21, 2022 |
| Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4] | R · IN | | Jul 1, 2022 |
| Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8] | R · WI | | Jul 13, 2022 |
| Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3] | D · WI | | Sep 15, 2022 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Dec 17, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 S 3236 | Identical bill | Nov 18, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. |

Summary (as of Dec 16, 2021)

Reforming Broadband Connectivity Act of 2021

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to make changes to the financing of the Universal Service Fund. This fund, which is financed by fees contributed by telecommunications carriers, supports programs to expand the availability of and access to telecommunications services.

Specifically, the bill directs the FCC to (1) study the need for expanding the fund's contribution base to ensure fairness and equity in applicable contribution requirements, and (2) reform the fund's contribution system through rulemaking. In carrying out the rulemaking, the FCC must consider the findings and recommendations of its study and the impact of changes on consumers, businesses, and seniors.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 17, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Dec 16, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 16, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.