

## HR 8858

Digital Equity Foundation Act of 2022

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** Sep 15, 2022

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. (Sep 16, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/8858>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Sep 15, 2022
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Sep 15, 2022
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Sep 15, 2022
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Sep 29, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 16, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4865	Identical bill	Sep 15, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### Summary (as of Sep 15, 2022)

#### Digital Equity Foundation Act of 2022

This bill sets out a process for establishing the Foundation for Digital Equity to raise funding for, develop programs and partnerships to, and otherwise support efforts to expand access to broadband internet and promote digital literacy, inclusion, and equity. The bill authorizes the foundation to carry out a range of activities to advance its mission, such as (1) establishing for-profit subsidiaries to stimulate economic development and attract investment partners, and (2) awarding grants.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 16, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Sep 15, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 15, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.