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Rural Broadband Protection Act of 2024

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Feb 7, 2023

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Sep 27, 2024)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/275>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]

Party: Republican • State: WV • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] | D · MN | | Feb 7, 2023 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate | Reported By | Aug 1, 2024 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 118 HR 7005 | Identical bill | Jan 19, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. |

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This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to establish a process to vet applicants for certain funding that supports affordable broadband deployment in high-cost areas, including rural communities.

Specifically, the process applies to applicants seeking funding under the high-cost universal service programs that provide competitive awards for broadband deployment.

As part of the process, the FCC must require applicants to provide a proposal for deploying the broadband network. The proposal must contain enough detail and documentation for the FCC to ascertain whether the applicant has the technical capabilities to deploy the proposed network and deliver services.

The FCC must evaluate proposals against reasonable and well-established technical standards.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 27, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 27, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 26, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 25, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 25, 2024:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S6464; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S6464)
- **Aug 1, 2024:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Cantwell with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Aug 1, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 473.
- **Jul 31, 2024:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Feb 7, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 7, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.