

HR 3216

Rural Internet Improvement Act of 2023

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development. (Jun 1, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Cammack, Kat [R-FL-3]

Party: Republican • State: FL • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]	R · TX		May 11, 2023
Rep. Perez, Marie Gluesenkamp [D-WA-3]	D · WA		May 11, 2023
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		May 11, 2023
Rep. De La Cruz, Monica [R-TX-15]	R · TX		Jun 7, 2023
Rep. Vasquez, Gabe [D-NM-2]	D · NM		Jul 26, 2023
Rep. Crockett, Jasmine [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Sep 14, 2023
Rep. Langworthy, Nicholas A. [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Sep 14, 2023
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Sep 27, 2023
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Oct 11, 2023
Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Oct 12, 2023
Rep. Tokuda, Jill N. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Nov 8, 2023
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Dec 1, 2023
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Dec 14, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 1, 2023
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 12, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 130	Identical bill	Jan 30, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (text: CR S148-150)

Summary (as of May 11, 2023)

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This bill merges the pilot ReConnect Loan and Grant Program with existing loans and grants provided by the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to facilitate broadband access to rural areas that lack sufficient access to broadband. Unobligated amounts available for the pilot program must be transferred and made available, without further appropriations, to this merged program.

The bill specifies eligibility criteria and other requirements that apply to the merged program. For example, the bill limits funds from the merged program to projects in areas where at least 90% of the households lack sufficient access to broadband services, which is currently required under the pilot program.

Other changes in the bill address procedures for contesting the accuracy of broadband maps that are used to identify eligible areas. It also requires efforts to increase coordination concerning broadband initiatives between USDA, the Federal Communications Commission, and the National Telecommunications Information Administration.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 1, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development.
- **May 12, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **May 11, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **May 11, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.