

HR 3565

Spectrum Auction Reauthorization Act of 2023

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		May 22, 2023
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		May 24, 2023
Rep. Thanedar, Shri [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Mar 5, 2024
Rep. Nickel, Wiley [D-NC-13]	D · NC		Jul 22, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Discharged From	Aug 13, 2024
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported By	Aug 13, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill addresses auctions of, and other matters related to, portions of the electromagnetic spectrum allocated for federal use.

In particular, the bill extends various authorities granted to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to auction spectrum and specifies the distribution of proceeds from auctions. Further, it increases funding available to the FCC for reimbursing communications services providers for replacing equipment or services that pose national security risks.

It also expands permitted uses and other aspects of the Spectrum Relocation Fund (SRF), a funding mechanism through which federal agencies can recover certain costs for spectrum relocation or sharing. For example, it (1) provides SRF funding to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration for implementing incumbent informing capabilities that enable federal spectrum users to alert nonfederal users about where and when federal systems are operating to manage harmful interference in shared spectrum, and (2) directs the Department of Defense to report more extensively about its use of SRF funding.

Additionally, the bill requires activities to (1) expand nonfederal use, shared use, or a combination of those uses of spectrum currently allocated for federal use; and (2) update a memorandum of understanding and otherwise increase coordination to promote efficient and effective use of spectrum allocated for federal use.

The bill also establishes grants for (1) next generation 9-1-1 systems (interoperable Internet Protocol-based systems for receiving 9-1-1 calls); and (2) expanding broadband access through historically Black colleges or universities, tribal colleges or universities, or other minority-serving institutions.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 13, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 118-629, Part I.
- **Aug 13, 2024:** Committee on Armed Services discharged.
- **Aug 13, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 526.
- **May 24, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 24, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 50 - 0.
- **May 22, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **May 22, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.

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