

## HR 6072

### Independent Programmers Tax Incentive Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Taxation

**Introduced:** Oct 26, 2023

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. (Nov 3, 2023)

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## Sponsor

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Rep. Van Duyne, Beth [R-TX-24]	R · TX		May 1, 2024
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Nov 8, 2024

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 3, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 26, 2023

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Taxation

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Oct 26, 2023)

#### Independent Programmers Tax Incentive Act

This bill allows a new tax credit for carriage of qualified independent programmers by eligible distributors and multichannel video programming distributors based on license fees and the average number of subscribers. The bill defines *eligible distributor* as any person that is either engaged in the trade or business of being a multichannel video programming distributor, or a virtual multichannel video programming distributor.

The term *multichannel video programming distributor* is defined in federal regulations as any entity engaged in the business of making available for purchase, by subscribers or customers, multiple channels of video programming. Such entities include, but are not limited to, a cable operator, a BRS/EBS provider, a direct broadcast satellite service, a television receive-only satellite program distributor, and a satellite master antenna television system operator, as well as buying groups or agents of all such entities.

The bill defines *qualified independent programmer* as a U.S.-based person engaged in the production, creation, or wholesale distribution of linear video programming (including, but not limited to, women-, minority-, or socially disadvantaged-, owned programmers) if such person is not a publicly-traded company, multichannel video programming distributor, virtual multichannel video programming distributor, network, or television station company.

## Actions Timeline

- **Nov 3, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Oct 26, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 26, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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.