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Reforming Broadband Connectivity Act of 2023

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Chamber: Senate

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Mar 27, 2023)

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

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| 118 HR 1812 | Identical bill | Apr 7, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. |

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This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to make changes to the financing of the Universal Service Fund. This fund, which is financed by fees contributed by telecommunications carriers, supports programs to expand the availability of and access to telecommunications services.

Specifically, the bill directs the FCC to (1) study the need for expanding the fund's contribution base to ensure fairness and equity in applicable contribution requirements, and (2) reform the fund's contribution system through rulemaking. In carrying out the rulemaking, the FCC must consider the findings and recommendations of its study and the impact of changes on consumers, businesses, and seniors.

Actions Timeline

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