

HR 2600

ASCEND Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Apr 2, 2025

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hurd, Jeff [R-CO-3]

Party: Republican • **State:** CO • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Apr 2, 2025
Rep. Subramanyam, Suhas [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Apr 28, 2025
Rep. Crank, Jeff [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Apr 29, 2025
Rep. Gillen, Laura [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Apr 29, 2025
Rep. Kean, Thomas H. [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Jul 23, 2025
Rep. Riley, Josh [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Jul 23, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Markup By	Apr 29, 2025
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported By	Feb 20, 2026

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 1437	Related bill	Sep 29, 2025: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 173.
119 S 933	Related bill	Mar 11, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Accessing Satellite Capabilities to Enable New Discoveries Act or the ASCEND Act

This bill provides statutory authority for the Commercial SmallSat Data Acquisition (CSDA) program run by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Through the CSDA program, NASA acquires remote sensing data and imagery from commercial satellites to support its Earth science research. (*Remote sensing* generally refers to the collection of data by instruments in Earth's orbit, such as satellites, that can be processed into imagery of Earth's surface.)

Under the bill, NASA may establish or modify end-use agreements to allow for broad use of data and imagery acquired under the program, including by individuals outside of NASA (e.g., other federal agencies). The terms of any data or imagery acquisition may not prevent the publication of such data or imagery for scientific purposes or the publication of information derived from it. To the extent practicable, NASA must acquire such data and imagery from U.S. vendors.

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