Community Broadband Act of 2021

This bill prohibits states from blocking the provision of broadband by public providers, public-private partnership providers, or cooperatively organized providers. Further, public providers and state or local entities participating in a partnership must administer applicable ordinances and rules without discrimination against competing private providers.

Primary Sponsors
Anna Eshoo

Bill Summary: The Community Broadband Act would empower local communities to ensure their residents have broadband access by removing roadblocks for public-private partnerships and locally-owned broadband systems.

Introduction Date: 2021-03-08

Cosponsors: https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1631/cosponsors?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22HR%22%2C%22%22%2C%22HR%22%22%2C%22%22%2C%221631%22%22%2C%225D%7D&r=1&s=3

Bill Summary: This bill prohibits states from blocking the provision of broadband by public providers, public-private partnership providers, or cooperatively organized providers. Further, public providers and state or local entities participating in a partnership must administer applicable ordinances and rules without discrimination against competing private providers.

Introduction Date: 2021-04-29

Title
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Description
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Primary Sponsors
Cory Booker

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Bill Summary: The Eliminating Barriers to Rural Internet Development Grant Eligibility (E-BRIDGE) Act would remove obstacles for broadband projects to receive Economic Development Administration (EDA) grants. The bill would help ensure local communities can partner with the private sector to implement critical broadband projects.

Introduction Date: 2021-05-19

Title
Eliminating Barriers to Rural Internet Development Grant Eligibility Act

Description
Eliminating Barriers to Rural Internet Development Grant Eligibility Act or the E-BRIDGE Act This bill authorizes the Department of Commerce to award economic development grants for public-private partnerships and certain consortiums to carry out specified broadband projects. Such projects shall be to provide, extend, expand, or improve high-speed broadband service through (1) planning, technical assistance, or training; (2) land acquisition or development; or (3) acquisition, construction, or improvement of facilities. Title to real or personal property acquired or improved with grant funds, or another acceptable possessory interest, must be vested in a public partner or eligible nonprofit organization or association for the useful life of the project. In addition, grant funds may be combined with amounts made available under any other federal program, and Commerce may provide credit toward the nonfederal share of a broadband project's cost.

Primary Sponsors
Shelley Capito

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Primary Sponsors
Sam Graves

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Cosponsors: https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/3193/cosponsors?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22HR+3193%22%2C%22HR%22%2C%223193%22%5D%7D&r=1&s=1

Bill Summary: The Eliminating Barriers to Rural Internet Development Grant Eligibility (E-BRIDGE) Act would remove hurdles for broadband projects under EDA grants, including difficult last-mile efforts that often delay rural broadband deployment. It would also ensure that local communities can partner with the private sector in carrying out broadband projects and gives communities more flexibility in complying with their funding match requirements.

Introduction Date: 2021-05-13
State and Local Government Cybersecurity Act of 2021

This bill provides for collaboration between the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as corporations, associations, and the general public, regarding cybersecurity. The bill expands DHS responsibilities through grants and cooperative agreements, including provision of assistance and education related to cyber threat indicators, defensive measures, cybersecurity risks or vulnerabilities, and incident response and management. The bill requires the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center, upon request, to coordinate with entities such as the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center to engage in specified activities, including (1) conduct exercises with state, local, tribal, or territorial government entities; (2) provide operational and technical cybersecurity training to such entities; and (3) promote cybersecurity education and awareness.

Bill Summary: The State and Local Government Cybersecurity Act would encourage national cybersecurity watchdogs to share information regarding cybersecurity threats, vulnerabilities, and breaches as well as resources to prevent and recover from cyber-attacks with states and localities that are increasingly targeted by bad actors.

Introduction Date: 2021-11-12


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**Primary Sponsors**
Gary Peters

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**Title**
Protecting Community Television Act

**Description**
Protecting Community Television Act This bill revises the definition of a franchise fee that is paid by a cable operator or cable subscriber to encompass only a tax, fee, or other monetary assessment that is imposed by a franchising authority or other governmental entity.

**Primary Sponsors**
Anna Eshoo

**Organizational Notes**


**Bill Summary:** The State and Local Government Cybersecurity Act would encourage national cybersecurity watchdogs to share information regarding cybersecurity threats, vulnerabilities, and breaches as well as resources to prevent and recover from cyber-attacks with states and localities that are increasingly targeted by bad actors.

**Introduction Date:** 2021-07-28
### Protecting Community Television Act

**Bill Summary:** The Protecting Community Television Act clarifies that the franchise fees that cable companies provide local governments only include monetary assessments, not in-kind contributions.

**Introduction Date:** 2021-12-09

**Bill Number:** S 3361

**Last Action:** Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Commerce Science And Transportation

**Status:** In Senate

**Position:** Support

**Primary Sponsors**
Ed Markey

**Organizational Notes**


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### Volunteer First Responder Housing Act

**Bill Summary:** This bill expands eligibility to qualified volunteer first responders for assistance under (1) the Department of Agriculture Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program, and (2) certain Department of Housing and Urban Development single-family property disposition programs.

**Introduction Date:** 2021-07-09

**Bill Number:** HR 4377

**Last Action:** Referred To The House Committee On Financial Services

**Status:** In House

**Position:** Support

**Primary Sponsors**
Cindy Axne

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Title
Volunteer First Responder Housing Act

Description
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Primary Sponsors
Tammy Baldwin

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Introduction Date: 2021-07-12

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Cosponsors: https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/2316/cosponsors?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22S+2316%22%2C%22S%22%2C%222316%22%2C%222316%22%5D%7D&r=1&s=5


Title
Volunteer Driver Tax Appreciation Act of 2022

Description
Volunteer Driver Tax Appreciation Act of 2022 This bill increases the mileage rate for the charitable use of an automobile (14 cents per mile) to the standard business mileage rate (58.5 cents per mile in 2022).

Primary Sponsors
Pete Stauber

Bill Summary: This bill increases the mileage rate for the charitable use of an automobile (14 cents per mile) to the standard business mileage rate (58.5 cents per mile in 2022).

Introduction Date: 2022-04-06

Organizational Notes
Cosponsors: https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/7432/cosponsors?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22HR+7432%22%2C%22HR%22%2C%227432%22%5D%7D&r=1&s=4
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#### Bill Summary:
The bill would help lower gas costs by temporarily suspending the 18.4 cent federal gas tax until January 1, 2023.

**Introduction Date:** 2022-02-18

#### Description
Gas Prices Relief Act of 2022 This bill provides for a temporary exemption through 2022 from the excise tax on gasoline (other than aviation gasoline) and from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate. The Department of the Treasury must transfer from the general fund to the Highway Trust Fund and the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund amounts resulting from the exemption provided by this bill. The bill also expresses congressional policy that consumers immediately receive the benefit of this exemption.

#### Primary Sponsors
Tom O'Halleran

#### Organizational Notes
Cosponsors: https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/6787/cosponsors?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22HR%22%2C%226787%22%5D%7D&r=1&s=8

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Mark Kelly

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**Bill Summary:**

**HR 2288:** This bill reinstates the exclusion from gross income for interest on certain bonds issued to advance the refunding of a prior bond issue. The exclusion was repealed for bonds issued after 2017.

**Introduction Date:** 2021-03-29

**S 479:** This bill reinstates tax provisions relating to advance refunding bonds. An advance refunding bond is a tax-exempt bond issued by a state or municipality to refinance or consolidate existing bond obligations.

**Introduction Date:** 2021-02-25

**Cosponsors:**

- For HR 2288: https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2288/cosponsors?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22HR%22%2C%222288%22%5D%7D&r=1&s=6
- For S 479: https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/479/cosponsors?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22479%22%5D%7D&r=2&s=7