

FISCHER_Substitute (modified)

AMENDMENT NO._____

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Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 2585

To modernize and improve the Broadband Funding Map in order to promote the most efficient use of Federal funds for broadband deployment, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mrs. FISCHER

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Modernization, Ac-
5 countability, and Planning for Broadband Funding Act”
6 or the “MAP for Broadband Funding Act”.

7 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

8 In this Act:

9 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
10 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
11 mittees” means—

14 (4) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
15 means the Federal Communications Commission.

16 (5) NTIA.—The term “NTIA” means the Na-
17 tional Telecommunications and Information Admin-
18 istration.

19 SEC. 3. BROADBAND FUNDING MAP MODERNIZATION.

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission, in coordination
21 with NTIA, shall collect data submitted for the Broadband
22 Funding Map by relevant Federal agencies on a reason-
23 able and timely basis pursuant to section 60105(d) of the
24 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (47 U.S.C. 1704),
25 in order to promote the most efficient use of Federal funds

1 for broadband deployment and prevent inefficient use or
2 fragmentation of Federal funding for broadband infra-
3 structure.

4 (b) INQUIRY.—

5 (1) NOTICE OF INQUIRY.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), not later than 270 days after the
7 date of enactment of this Act, the Commission
8 shall initiate a notice of inquiry concerning the
9 optimum functionality and transparency of the
10 Broadband Funding Map, including the quality
11 and completeness of the data populated to the
12 Broadband Funding Map.

14 (B) REQUEST FOR VOTE.—Any Commissioner
15 may request a vote at the Commission
16 level prior to the initiation of a notice of inquiry
17 required under subparagraph (A). Upon such
18 request, the notice of inquiry required under
19 subparagraph (A) may not proceed unless a
20 majority of the Commissioners vote to approve
21 the notice of inquiry.

22 (2) EVALUATION CONSIDERATIONS.—In the in-
23 quiry, the Commission shall include evaluation of the
24 following considerations:

6 (B) The usability of such existing cat-
7 egories of data described in subparagraph (A)
8 to the public, and whether any category should
9 be added, eliminated, or otherwise altered for
10 improved user experience.

11 (C) The timeliness of periodic updates
12 from Federal agencies to the Broadband Fund-
13 ing Map described in subparagraph (A) pursu-
14 ant to section 60105(e) of the Infrastructure
15 Investment and Jobs Act (47 U.S.C. 1704).

16 (D) Whether the scope of programmatic
17 data to be reported to the Broadband Funding
18 Map pursuant to section 60105(d)(1) of the In-
19 frastructure Investment and Jobs Act (47
20 U.S.C. 1704) should be expanded

21 (E) Whether third-party mapping data
22 should be incorporated to improve the
23 functionality and transparency of the
24 Broadband Funding Map.

1 (F) Any manners in which the Commission
2 should potentially augment or streamline the
3 Broadband Funding Map with existing Com-
4 mission mapping tools.

8 SEC. 4. GAO STUDY AND REPORT.

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
10 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller of the
11 United States shall—

12 (1) conduct a study on the roles, responsibilities, and progress to date of Federal agencies to
13 maintain the Broadband Funding Map and ensure
14 the completeness and continued relevance of the
15 Broadband Funding Map; and
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21 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting the study re-
22 quired under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall
23 review the following:

24 (1) The extent to which each eligible Federal
25 agency is submitting programmatic data to the

1 Broadband Funding Map adequately and in compli-
2 ance with section 60105 of the Infrastructure In-
3 vestment and Jobs Act (47 U.S.C. 1704), including
4 identification of any—

5 (A) successful best practices in submitting
6 such data to the Commission; and

7 (B) challenges resulting in incomplete data
8 submissions from an agency or individual pro-
9 gram to the Commission.

10 (2) The proficiency of the Commission's man-
11 agement of the Broadband Funding Map and re-
12 lated interagency collaboration.

13 (3) Whether the Commission has sufficient au-
14 thority to collect the necessary data from Federal
15 agencies to populate the Broadband Funding Map.

16 (4) The respective data collection efforts of
17 NTIA pursuant to the ACCESS BROADBAND Act
18 (47 U.S.C. 1307) and section 60105 of the Infra-
19 structure Investment and Jobs Act (47 U.S.C.
20 1704).

21 (5) The effectiveness of coordination among the
22 Commission, NTIA, and other relevant Federal
23 agencies that provide funding for broadband infra-
24 structure deployment, including the Department of
25 Agriculture, the Department of Health and Human

1 Services, the Department of the Treasury, the De-
2 partment of Housing and Urban Development, and
3 the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences, pur-
4 suant to section 60105(g) of the Infrastructure In-
5 vestment and Jobs Act (47 U.S.C. 1704).

6 (6) How enhanced use of the Broadband Fund-
7 ing Map by relevant Federal agencies could improve
8 taxpayer savings.

9 (7) The feasibility and potential benefits of in-
10 corporating third-party mapping data into the
11 Broadband Funding Map.