

S. 1046, ACCESS BROADBAND Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on March 11, 2020

| By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars | 2020 | 2020-2025 | 2020-2030 |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Direct Spending (Outlays) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Revenues | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays) | * | 8 | not estimated |
| Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? | No | Mandate Effects | |
| Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2031? | No | Contains intergovernmental mandate? | No |
| | | Contains private-sector mandate? | No |
| * = between zero and \$500,000. | | | |

S. 1046 would direct the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to establish the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth to help communities develop strategies to expand the deployment and use of high-speed Internet services. The office would conduct workshops, develop broadband training, create and distribute publications, consult with other federal agencies that offer broadband support programs to streamline and standardize their applications processes, and develop a central website for information about federal broadband programs.

Using information from NTIA, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1046 would cost \$8 million over the 2020-2025 period; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Of that amount, \$4 million would be for five additional employees at NTIA (at an annual cost of about \$170,000 each), \$3 million for NTIA to develop and maintain a central website for federal broadband programs and to standardize federal agency applications for broadband grant assistance, and \$1 million for other agencies to coordinate their efforts with NTIA.

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