

## **Senator Hassan Rural Broadband Bills**

- 1.) Rural Broadband Investment Tax Credit Act - S.2867
  - a. This bill allows a new tax credit for up to 10% of investment in qualifying broadband projects, subject to specified limitations. The bill includes in the definition of "qualifying broadband project" any project that is designed solely to provide broadband service to one or more rural areas in which more than 50% of households lack access to adequate broadband service.
  - b. Sponsor, Introduced, not yet referred to committee
  
- 2.) The Rural Broadband Financing Flexibility Act – S. 2866
  - a. This bill allows the use of tax-exempt private activity bonds to finance qualified broadband projects. A "qualified broadband project" is any project that is designed solely to provide broadband service to one or more rural areas in which more than 50% of residential households do not have access to adequate broadband service. The bill also allows direct payments to issuers of broadband infrastructure bonds for 35% of the interest payable under such bonds.
  - b. Allow the Federal Government to assist state and local governments in bond payments
  - c. Co-Sponsor, read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance
  
- 3.) Rural Reasonable and Comparable Wireless Access Act – S.1515
  - a. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations that establish a national standard for determining whether mobile and broadband services available in rural areas are reasonably comparable to those services provided in urban areas.
  - b. Sponsor, Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
  
- 4.) Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability Act (DATA) – S.1822
  - a. Would push the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) to improve its broadband coverage maps by directing the FCC to require more detailed coverage data from service providers, and develop a process for consumers and stakeholders to challenge the accuracy of those broadband maps.
  - b. Co-Sponsor, Passed the Senate, at the House of Representatives.