

Calendar No. 717118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**S. 690**

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to evaluate and consider the impact of the telecommunications network equipment supply chain on the deployment of universal service, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7, 2023

Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. TESTER, and Mrs. CAPITO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

DECEMBER 17 (legislative day, DECEMBER 16), 2024

Reported by Ms. CANTWELL, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Network Equipment
3 Transparency Act” or the “NET Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPPLY CHAIN CONSIDER-**
5 **ATION.**

6 Section 13 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
7 U.S.C. 163) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
9 section (e); and

10 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(d) STATUS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPPLY
13 CHAIN.—In each report required by subsection (a), the
14 Commission shall, to the extent that data is available, de-
15 termine whether a lack of network equipment significantly
16 impacted the deployment of advanced telecommunications
17 capability during the applicable reporting period.”.

18 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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20 Transparency Act” or the “NET Act”.

21 **SEC. 2. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPPLY CHAIN CONSIDER-**
22 **ATION.**

23 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 13(b) of the Communica-
24 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 163(b)) is amended—

25 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4), and (5)
26 as paragraphs (4), (5), and (6), respectively; and

1 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(3) assess, to the extent that data is available
4 to the Commission, how the availability of network
5 equipment may have impacted the deployment of ad-
6 vanced telecommunications capability during the ap-
7 plicable reporting period;”.

8 (b) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—Nothing in the amend-
9 ments made by subsection (a) shall be construed to require
10 any provider of advanced telecommunications capability to
11 provide the Federal Communications Commission more in-
12 formation than was required for the purpose of section 13
13 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 163) as in
14 effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act.

15 (c) *TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—
16 Section 13 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.
17 163), as amended by subsection (a), is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (b)—

19 (A) in paragraph (5), as so redesignated, by
20 striking “(3)” and inserting “(4)”; and

21 (B) in paragraph (6), as so redesignated, by
22 striking “(4)” and inserting “(5)”; and

23 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “(b)(4)” and
24 inserting “(b)(5)”; and

- 1 *(3) in subsection (d)(3), by striking “(b)(3)” and*
- 2 *inserting “(b)(4)”.*

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