

Digital Equity Foundation Act of 2023

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INTRODUCED

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HOW FAR IT WAS CARRIED



BACKGROUND

Federal digital-inclusion funding cannot easily accept or direct private money, which leaves broadband adoption and digital-skills work dependent on appropriation cycles. This bill establishes an independent nonprofit foundation that can take private contributions and direct them at adoption barriers in underserved communities, alongside the federal programmes rather than inside them.

KEY PROVISIONS

- Establishes a nonprofit Digital Equity Foundation independent of the federal government.
- Authorises it to accept and direct private funding for digital-inclusion work.
- Targets adoption barriers rather than infrastructure deployment alone.
- Directs support to underserved and rural communities.
- Requires public reporting on grants and outcomes.

LEGISLATIVE RECORD

Introduced in the 118th Congress.

OFFICES ENGAGED

Sen. Luján
Drafted and advised. 1 office engaged.