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# S. 975

To require the Federal Communications Commission to reform the contribution system of the Universal Service Fund, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 27, 2023

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Reforming Broadband  
5       Connectivity Act of 2023”.

6       **SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT.**

7       Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment  
8       of this Act, the Federal Communications Commission (re-  
9       ferred to in this Act as the “Commission”) shall—

1           (1) conduct a study assessing the need to ex-  
2           pand the contribution base of the Universal Service  
3           Fund to ensure that the contribution requirement  
4           under section 254(d) of the Communications Act of  
5           1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(d)) is imposed fairly and equi-  
6           tably; and

7           (2) submit to Congress a report on the results  
8           of the study conducted under paragraph (1).

9   **SEC. 3. UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND CONTRIBUTION SYSTEM**  
10           **REFORM.**

11       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
12       date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall com-  
13       plete a rulemaking to reform the contribution system of  
14       the Universal Service Fund, including by expanding the  
15       contribution base of the Universal Service Fund.

16       (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting the rule-  
17       making required under subsection (a), the Commission  
18       shall consider—

19           (1) the relative equities and burdens of the pro-  
20           posed changes to the contribution system of the Uni-  
21           versal Service Fund with respect to consumers and  
22           businesses;

23           (2) the impact of the proposed changes to the  
24           contribution system of the Universal Service Fund  
25           on seniors; and

- 1 (3) the findings and recommendations in the re-
- 2 port submitted under section 2(2).

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