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To require the Federal Communications Commission to allocate additional spectrum for unlicensed use by wireless broadband devices, and for other purposes.

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Mr. HONDA (for himself, Ms. DUNN, and Ms. LOFGREN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Jumpstart Broadband
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENCOURAGEMENT OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES.**

7 (a) UNLICENSED NATIONAL INFORMATION INFRA-
8 STRUCTURE DEVICES.—

1 (1) IMMEDIATE ALLOCATION OF SPECTRUM.—
2 Within 180 days after the date of enactment of this
3 Act, the Commission shall allocate not less than an
4 additional 255 megahertz of contiguous spectrum in
5 the 5 gigahertz band for unlicensed use by wireless
6 broadband devices while ensuring that Department
7 of Defense devices and systems are not com-
8 promised.

9 (2) INTERFERENCE PROTECTION.—Within 180
10 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Na-
11 tional Telecommunications and Information Admin-
12 istration shall, after consultation with all interested
13 agencies and parties, including the Department of
14 Defense, establish standards for interference protec-
15 tion that is reasonably required to enable incumbent
16 Federal government agency users of spectrum allo-
17 cated under paragraph (1) to continue to use that
18 spectrum, and advise the Commission of those
19 standards.

20 (3) DEVICE REQUIREMENTS.—Within 360 days
21 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commis-
22 sion shall—

23 (A) with respect to spectrum allocation
24 under paragraph (1), adopt minimal technical

1 and device rules to facilitate robust and effi-
2 cient use for wireless broadband devices; and

3 (B) amend its rules to require that all
4 wireless broadband devices manufactured after
5 the effective date of those rules that operate in
6 the spectrum allocated under paragraph (1)—

7 (i) be capable of 2-way digital commu-
8 nications;

9 (ii) meet the interference protection
10 standards established under paragraph (2).

11 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—In this Act:

13 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
14 means the Federal Communications Commission.

15 (2) BROADBAND SERVICE.—The term
16 “broadband service” means high rate digital trans-
17 mission service—

18 (A) via cable modem, digital subscriber
19 line, wireless, satellite, or other telecommuni-
20 cations technology; and

21 (B) capable of reliably transmitting voice,
22 data, and/or video simultaneously between and
23 among digital devices and between these devices
24 and the Internet, on a consistent basis, at data

1 transfer rates no slower than those defined
2 from time to time by the Commission.

3 (3) WIRELESS BROADBAND DEVICE.—The term
4 “wireless broadband device” includes—

5 (A) U–NII devices (as defined in section
6 15.403(i) of title 47, Code of Federal Regula-
7 tions); and

8 (B) other devices used to access wireless
9 broadband services.

10 (b) TERMS DEFINED IN THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT
11 OF 1934.—Except as provided in subsection (a), any term
12 used in this Act that is defined in section 3 of the Commu-
13 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153) has the meaning
14 given that term in that section.

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