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We calculate the effects of a light, very weakly-coupled boson X arising from a spontaneously broken $U(1)_{B-L}$ symmetry on ΔN_{eff} as measured by the CMB and Y_p from BBN. Our focus is the mass range 1 eV $lesssimm_X$

*lesssim*100 MeV. We find $U(1)_{B-L}$ is more strongly constrained by ΔN_{eff} than previously considered. While some of the parameter space has complementary constraints from stellar cooling, supernova emission, and terrestrial experiments, we find future CMB observatories including Simons Observatory and CMB-S4 can access regions of mass and coupling space not probed by any other method.

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