

HR 1535

Federal Inmate Work Act of 2001

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

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Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		May 2, 2001
Rep. Carson, Julia [D-IN-10]	D · IN		May 8, 2001
Rep. Millender-McDonald, Juanita [D-CA-37]	D · CA		May 8, 2001
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		May 8, 2001
Rep. Bachus, Spencer [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Jul 20, 2001
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Mar 6, 2002
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Mar 14, 2002
Rep. Kingston, Jack [R-GA-1]	R · GA		Mar 20, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 9, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 S 1228	Identical bill	<b>Jul 24, 2001:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8127-8131)

Federal Inmate Work Act of 2001 - Amends the Federal criminal code to direct the Attorney General to establish a Foreign Labor Substitute Panel to review and approve proposals for pilot projects under which private companies shall use Federal inmate labor to manufacture, produce, or mine products that would otherwise be produced by foreign labor.

Rewrites code provisions regarding Federal Prison Industries (FPI) to: (1) specify the mission of FPI (to carry out industrial operations using eligible inmate workers); (2) expand the FPI Board of Directors; and (3) set forth FPI operating objectives (including to increase public safety by reducing the recidivism rate), performance standards (e.g., carrying out its operations in compliance with United Nations, Federal, and specified other standards), and other requirements (such as contributing not less than 20 percent of net profits to provide vocational training).

Authorizes FPI to: (1) sell products and services to government agencies and not-for-profit organizations; (2) make available inmate workers for participation in certain pilot projects designated by the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance; and (3) donate products and services.

Directs FPI to: (1) establish business partnerships with organizations representing domestic workers who are blind or severely disabled; and (2) publish and maintain a catalog of all products and services that it offers for sale to government agencies and not-for-profit organizations.

Provides for a phased elimination of mandatory source purchase requirements.

Directs the Comptroller General to provide for an independent evaluation of FPI operations.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **May 9, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime.
- **Apr 5, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E551-552)
- **Apr 4, 2001:** Introduced in House
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