

# HR 2400

Rural America Job Assistance and Creation Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness. (Sep 28, 2001)

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# **Sponsor**

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Party: Republican • State: NY • Chamber: House

# Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Quinn, Jack [R-NY-30]	$R \cdot NY$		Jul 18, 2001
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jul 31, 2001

### **Committee Activity**

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Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 9, 2001
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 28, 2001
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Financial Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 20, 2001
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 16, 2001
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 28, 2001

# **Subjects & Policy Tags**

## **Policy Area:**

Economics and Public Finance

#### **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

## **Summary** (as of Jun 28, 2001)

Rural America Job Assistance and Creation Act - Directs the Secretary of Labor to make matching grants to regional consortia meeting specified criteria to improve the job skills necessary for employment in specific industries.

Directs the Secretary of Commerce to provide financial assistance, through grants, for the establishment and support of entities that provide business incubator services (necessary for the initiation and initial sustainment of operations of a newly established business, including legal, intellectual property, and technology services and planning) for small- and medium-sized businesses.

Directs the Comptroller General to study how rural infrastructure, venture capital, and Federal programs can enhance rural areas.

Amends the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act to require employer notification of Federal and State elected officials (as well as local ones) prior to dislocation of workers.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to require submission of H-1B labor condition applications at same time as H-1B nonimmigrant classification petitions.

Amends the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish a National Rural Development Partnership, to be composed of a National Rural Development Council and State rural development councils.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) exclude certain amounts of severance payments from gross income; and (2) expand the work opportunity tax credit to include qualified small business employees.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to make a grant to the William C. Merwin Rural Services Institute of the State University of New York at Potsdam, New York, to establish and operate a Northern New York Travel and Tourism Research Center.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Sep 28, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
- Sep 28, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.
- Jul 20, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy, Technology and Economic Growth, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- Jul 16, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims.
- Jul 9, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research.
- Jun 29, 2001: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1251)
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