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HR 5678

Airline Worker Relief Act

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]

Party: Democratic • State: MN • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (28 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Baird, Brian [D-WA-3]	D · WA		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Berry, Marion [D-AR-1]	D · AR		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Borski, Robert A. [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D·IA		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]	D · FL		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Carson, Brad [D-OK-2]	D · OK		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]	D · IL		Oct 16, 2002
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Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-50]	D · CA		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Lampson, Nick [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Lipinski, William O. [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Mascara, Frank [D-PA-20]	D · PA		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Matheson, Jim [D-UT-2]	D · UT		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ-13]	D · NJ		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Millender-McDonald, Juanita [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	D · WV		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Sandlin, Max [D-TX-1]	$D \cdot TX$		Oct 16, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 16, 2002
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 16, 2002
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 16, 2002
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 16, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 16, 2002)

Airline Worker Relief Act - Directs the Secretary of Labor to certify a group of workers as eligible to apply for Federal employment adjustment assistance if the Secretary determines that a significant number or proportion of such workers have become totally or partially separated from employment with an air carrier or airport facility as a result of: (1) reductions in service by an air carrier, or closure of an airport, because of a terrorist action or security measure; or (2) a military conflict with Iraq. Includes among such adjustment assistance benefits continued health care coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) and other Federal employee health care programs. Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a program under which 75 percent of the premium for COBRA continuation coverage is provided for such individuals (with certain coverage limits and program requirements).

Authorizes States to elect to provide temporary coverage under Medicaid programs for: (1) uninsured individuals who experience such separation from employment; or (2) the unsubsidized portion of COBRA continuation premiums for such individuals.

Provides temporary extended unemployment compensation coverage for such individuals.

Directs the Under Secretary of Transportation for Security to: (1) provide a preference for the hiring of such individuals as security screeners; and (2) carry out a program of performance incentive awards to Federal Security Managers to encourage the hiring of such employees.

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