

HR 137

Rural America Job Assistance and Creation Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Economics and Public Finance

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 3, 2003
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 3, 2003
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 27, 2003
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2003
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 7, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Economics and Public Finance

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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 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.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 6, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.
- **Mar 3, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
- **Mar 3, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.
- **Feb 27, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
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