

HR 2298

Indentured Servitude Abolition Act of 2005

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	May 31, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Indentured Servitude Abolition Act of 2005 - Requires foreign labor contractors (recruiters) and employers to inform foreign workers accurately of specified terms and conditions of their employment at the time they are recruited. Requires such information to be provided in written form in English or, as necessary and reasonable, in the language of the worker being recruited.

Prohibits charging fees to workers for recruitment.

Requires employers to pay such a worker's transportation costs, including subsistence costs during the period of travel: (1) from the place of recruitment to the place of employment; and (2) from the place of employment to the worker's place of permanent residence.

Prohibits discrimination in employment by an employer or a recruiter against an individual because of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, religion, age, or disability.

Requires employers to notify the Secretary of Labor of the identity of: (1) any recruiter involved in any foreign labor contractor activity for or on behalf of the employer; and (2) any such recruiter whose activities do not comply with this Act. Subjects employers to the civil remedies of this Act for violations committed by such recruiters to the same extent as if the employers had committed the violations.

Prescribes civil and criminal penalties for violations of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **May 31, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.
- **May 11, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **May 11, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E942)
- **May 11, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.