

## S 359

Agricultural Job Opportunities, Benefits, and Security Act of 2005

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** ID • **Chamber:** Senate

**Cosponsors** (50 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Brownback, Sam [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]	R · MT		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Chafee, Lincoln [R-RI]	R · RI		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Coleman, Norm [R-MN]	R · MN		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. DeWine, Mike [R-OH]	R · OH		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Domenici, Pete V. [R-NM]	R · NM		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Hagel, Chuck [R-NE]	R · NE		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Lott, Trent [R-MS]	R · MS		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Lugar, Richard G. [R-IN]	R · IN		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Martinez, Mel [R-FL]	R · FL		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Nelson, Ben [D-NE]	D · NE		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Salazar, Ken [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Specter, Arlen [R-PA]	R · PA		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]	R · AK		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Voinovich, George V. [R-OH]	R · OH		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Feb 15, 2005
Sen. Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [D-DE]	D · DE		Mar 3, 2005
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Mar 3, 2005
Sen. Sarbanes, Paul S. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 3, 2005
Sen. Bayh, Evan [D-IN]	D · IN		Mar 9, 2005
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 9, 2005
Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Mar 9, 2005
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Mar 9, 2005

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Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Mar 11, 2005
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 17, 2005
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Mar 17, 2005
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 4, 2005
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Apr 5, 2005
Sen. Obama, Barack [D-IL]	D · IL		Apr 12, 2005
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 14, 2005
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Sep 15, 2005
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Sep 29, 2006

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 10, 2005

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 884	Identical bill	<b>Apr 4, 2005:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.

## Summary (as of Feb 10, 2005)

Agricultural Job Opportunities, Benefits, and Security Act of 2005 - Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to grant qualifying alien agricultural workers (and their spouses and minor children) temporary resident status and subsequently lawful permanent resident status upon the fulfillment of specified agricultural work and residency requirements.

Sets forth provisions with respect to: (1) adjustment of status applications, including penalties for false statements; (2) the waiver of numerical limitations and certain grounds for inadmissibility; (3) the temporary stay of removal and work authorization; (4) administrative and judicial review; and (5) dissemination of program information.

Amends the Social Security Act to provide for the correction of such aliens' social security records.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to set forth application requirements for H-2A (temporary agricultural worker) employers and employer associations, including assurances: (1) that the job opportunity is temporary or seasonal and is not the result of a labor dispute; (2) that attempts have been made to hire U.S. workers; and (3) respecting required wages and benefits and compliance with labor laws.

Sets forth employment requirements with respect to H-2A worker wages, housing, and transportation reimbursement. Establishes the Commission on Agricultural Wage Standards under the H-2A program.

Revises provisions respecting the admission and extension of stay of H-2A workers. Provides special rules for alien sheepherders.

Sets forth worker protection and labor standards enforcement provisions for such aliens.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 18, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1710-1712)
- **Feb 10, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 10, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1288-1289)
- **Feb 10, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.