

HR 3358

Troops' Soft Landing, Employment, and Rural Transportation Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. (Aug 20, 2009)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Wu, David [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jul 28, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 20, 2009
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 31, 2009
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 28, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 1426	Related bill	Jul 9, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

Troops' Soft Landing, Employment, and Rural Transportation Act - Requires that a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces who was deployed for more than 179 days for a contingency operation or a homeland defense mission be: (1) retained on active duty in the Armed Forces for 90 days after the end of the member's demobilization from a deployment; (2) allowed to use accrued leave; and (3) paid specified pay and allowances.

Allows a member to be released from such retention if the member requests release after the first 15 days of the retention.

Directs the Secretary of the military department concerned to provide each member so retained (and, as practicable, appropriate family members) reintegration counseling and services.

Amends Internal Revenue Code work opportunity tax credit provisions, with regard to unemployed veterans living in counties where the unemployment is over a specified national threshold, to increase the credit from 40% to 50% and the maximum first-year wages which may be taken into account from \$6,000 to \$10,000.

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a competitive grant program to assist veterans in rural areas to travel to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 20, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Jul 31, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 28, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 28, 2009:** Referred to House Armed Services
- **Jul 28, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jul 28, 2009:** Referred to House Veterans' Affairs
- **Jul 28, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means