

HR 5647

Responsible COBRA, Unemployment, and Poverty Extension Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Heller, Dean [R-NV-2]

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

Cosponsors (22 total)

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| Rep. Biggert, Judy [R-IL-13] | R · IL | | Jul 1, 2010 |
| Rep. Bonner, Jo [R-AL-1] | R · AL | | Jul 1, 2010 |
| Rep. Burton, Dan [R-IN-5] | R · IN | | Jul 1, 2010 |
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| Rep. Gerlach, Jim [R-PA-6] | R · PA | | Jul 1, 2010 |
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| Rep. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY-At Large] | R · WY | | Jul 1, 2010 |
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| Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10] | R · MI | | Jul 1, 2010 |
| Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16] | R · PA | | Jul 1, 2010 |
| Rep. Rogers, Mike J. [R-MI-8] | R · MI | | Jul 1, 2010 |
| Rep. Schock, Aaron [R-IL-18] | R · IL | | Jul 1, 2010 |
| Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2] | R · ID | | Jul 1, 2010 |
| Rep. Stearns, Cliff [R-FL-6] | R · FL | | Jul 1, 2010 |
| Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12] | R · OH | | Jul 1, 2010 |
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| Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2] | R · SC | | Jul 1, 2010 |
| Rep. Boozman, John [R-AR-3] | R · AR | | Jul 22, 2010 |
| Rep. Djou, Charles K. [R-HI-1] | R · HI | | Jul 22, 2010 |
| Rep. McKeon, Howard P. "Buck" [R-CA-25] | R · CA | | Jul 27, 2010 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Appropriations Committee | House | Referred To | Jun 30, 2010 |
| Budget Committee | House | Referred To | Jun 30, 2010 |
| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred to | Oct 13, 2010 |
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred To | Jun 30, 2010 |
| Oversight and Government Reform Committee | House | Referred To | Jun 30, 2010 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred To | Jun 30, 2010 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| 111 HR 6556 | Related bill | Dec 17, 2010: Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure |
| 111 S 3981 | Related bill | Dec 1, 2010: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S8343) |
| 111 S 3990 | Related bill | Nov 30, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 111 HR 6419 | Related bill | Nov 18, 2010: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 258 - 154 (Roll no. 579). |
| 111 HR 5618 | Related bill | Jul 14, 2010: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 459. |
| 111 S 3520 | Related bill | Jun 22, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 111 HR 5453 | Related bill | May 28, 2010: Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform |
| 111 S 3421 | Related bill | May 26, 2010: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 411. |
| 111 S 3420 | Related bill | May 25, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4221-4222) |
| 111 HR 4851 | Related bill | Apr 15, 2010: Became Public Law No: 111-157. |
| 111 S 3153 | Related bill | Mar 25, 2010: Motion to proceed to consideration of measure tabled in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 59 - 40. Record Vote Number: 106. (consideration: CR S2094) |
| 111 S 3173 | Related bill | Mar 25, 2010: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |
| 111 HR 4707 | Related bill | Mar 8, 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support. |
| 111 HR 4183 | Related bill | Dec 8, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support. |
| 111 S 2831 | Related bill | Dec 3, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S12325-12327) |
| 111 HR 3548 | Related bill | Nov 6, 2009: Became Public Law No: 111-92. |
| 111 HR 3756 | Related bill | Oct 7, 2009: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. |
| 111 S 1699 | Related bill | Sep 23, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S9745) |
| 111 S 1647 | Related bill | Aug 7, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S9082-9083) |
| 111 HR 3404 | Related bill | Jul 31, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials. |

Responsible COBRA, Unemployment, and Poverty Extension Act - Amends the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 with respect to the state-established individual emergency unemployment compensation account (EUCA). Extends the final date for entering a federal-state agreement under the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program through FY2010. Postpones the termination of the program until March 1, 2011.

Amends the Assistance for Unemployed Workers and Struggling Families Act to extend through FY2010 requirements that federal payments to states cover 100% of EUC.

Amends the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to extend through FY2010, premium assistance for COBRA benefits (health insurance continuation benefits under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985).

Prescribes a special rule for an individual who experiences a qualifying event related to a termination of employment on or after June 1, 2010, and before the enactment of this Act. Applies to all COBRA continuation coverage, including state continuation coverage programs, with respect to such individual rules similar to those in the ARRA: (1) extending the election period for, and the effect on, COBRA continuation coverage; and (2) requiring a notice of such action by the administrator of a group health plan.

Amends the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010 to extend the use of 2009 poverty guidelines through FY2010. Prohibits the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) from publishing updated poverty guidelines for 2010 until after such date.

Rescinds pro rata the unobligated balance of each amount appropriated or made available under ARRA (except under title X: Military Construction and Veterans Affairs of division A), so that the aggregate amount of such rescissions equals \$27 billion to offset the net increase in spending resulting from this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 13, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Jun 30, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 30, 2010:** Referred to House Ways and Means
- **Jun 30, 2010:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Appropriations, Education and Labor, the Budget, Oversight and Government Reform, and Energy and Commerce, 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.
- **Jun 30, 2010:** Referred to House Appropriations
- **Jun 30, 2010:** Referred to House Education and Labor
- **Jun 30, 2010:** Referred to House Budget
- **Jun 30, 2010:** Referred to House Oversight and Government Reform
- **Jun 30, 2010:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce