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American Jobs in American Forests Act of 2012

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Committee Activity

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Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 7, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 4159	Identical bill	Mar 15, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.

Summary (as of Mar 7, 2012)

American Jobs in American Forests Act of 2012 - Directs the Secretary of Labor, as a component of the H-2B (temporary nonagricultural workers) labor certification process, to take specified actions to recruit U.S. workers before petitioning to hire H-2B workers.

Requires a prospective H-2B employer to submit a separate petition for each state in which the employer plans to employ H-2B non-immigrants for a period of at least seven days.

Prohibits the Secretary from granting a temporary labor certification to a prospective H-2B employer until the Director of the state workforce agency has determined that: (1) employer recruitment requirements have been met, and (2) U.S. nationals are not qualified or available to fill such employment opportunities.

Actions Timeline

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