HR 2895

Legal Agricultural Workforce Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 12, 2011
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 20, 2011
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 12, 2011
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 23, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 12, 2011)

Legal Agricultural Workforce Act - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish a W-visa nonimmigrant classification for temporary agricultural workers.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) to establish: (1) a nonimmigrant temporary agricultural worker program (W-visa) which shall include annual numerical limitations and monthly limitations based on enrollment requests, historical agricultural employment needs, and the reports of U.S. workers applying for agricultural employment; and (2) a trust fund to administer and enforce the program and provide a monetary incentive for such workers to return to their countries upon visa expiration.

Sets forth program provisions, including: (1) enrollment requirements, (2) a visa preference allocation system, (3) a biometric identification card requirement, (4) U.S. worker protections, and (5) visa increases due to extraordinary and unusual employment circumstances.

Makes such agricultural workers ineligible for need-based federal financial assistance.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 23, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.
- **Sep 20, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 12, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 12, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, and Foreign Affairs, 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.

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