

## HR 4159

American Jobs in American Forests Act of 2012

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Mar 7, 2012

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement. (Mar 15, 2012)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-bill/4159>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 15, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Immigration

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 2167	Identical bill	<b>Mar 7, 2012:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### 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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- **Mar 15, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.
- **Mar 7, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 7, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.