

## HR 2821

American Jobs Act of 2013

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**Chamber:** House

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Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. Hahn, Janice [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. Hanabusa, Colleen W. [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. Holt, Rush [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Jul 24, 2013
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Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Jul 24, 2013

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Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jul 24, 2013
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Rep. Pelosi, Nancy [D-CA-12]	D · CA		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jul 24, 2013
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Jul 24, 2013
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Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Jul 30, 2013
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Aug 2, 2013
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Aug 2, 2013
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Aug 2, 2013
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Aug 2, 2013
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Aug 2, 2013
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Sep 19, 2013
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Sep 19, 2013
Rep. Lujan Grisham, Michelle [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Sep 19, 2013
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Sep 18, 2014

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 24, 2013
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jul 24, 2013
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 24, 2013
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 24, 2013
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 13, 2013
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 24, 2013
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 24, 2013
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 25, 2013
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Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 24, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 3939	Related bill	<b>Jun 13, 2014:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
113 HR 3824	Related bill	<b>Feb 28, 2014:</b> Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2068-2069)
113 S 1845	Related bill	<b>Feb 6, 2014:</b> Motion by Senator Reid to reconsider the vote by which second cloture was not invoked on the bill (Record Vote No. 24) made in Senate. (consideration: CR S794)
113 S 1797	Related bill	<b>Dec 11, 2013:</b> Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 259.
113 HR 3546	Related bill	<b>Nov 21, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
113 S 1716	Related bill	<b>Nov 14, 2013:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
113 HR 2770	Related bill	<b>Sep 13, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
113 S 1383	Related bill	<b>Jul 29, 2013:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
113 HR 2381	Related bill	<b>Jul 8, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
113 S 1170	Related bill	<b>Jun 13, 2013:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
113 HR 505	Related bill	<b>Apr 23, 2013:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

American Jobs Act of 2013 - Prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in such project are produced in the United States (Buy American). Waives such prohibition in cases where: (1) the prohibition would be inconsistent with the public interest; (2) iron, steel, and the relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities of a satisfactory quality; or (3) inclusion of iron, steel, and manufactured goods produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25%.

Requires all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on federally-assisted projects to be paid wages at the locally prevailing rates (Davis-Bacon Act).

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to: (1) restore the making work pay tax credit in 2014, and (2) extend the additional allowance for depreciation (bonus depreciation) for 3 years.

Amends the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to increase from \$2 million to \$5 million through FY2014 the limit on the guarantee for contract surety bonds and on the liability for bonds obtained by fraud or misrepresentation.

Directs the Secretaries of Education and the Interior (for schools operated by the Bureau of Indian Education) to reserve through FY2014 appropriated amounts to provide educational assistance to outlying areas based on their respective needs. Provides for allocations to states and local educational entities for early childhood learning programs in FY2014-FY2015 at specified levels.

Directs the Attorney General to carry out a competitive grant program pursuant to the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 for the hiring, rehiring, or retention of career law enforcement officers. Makes appropriations to the Community Oriented Policing Stabilization Fund to carry out such program and provides for a transfer to a First Responder Stabilization Fund, from which the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) shall make competitive grants for hiring additional firefighters pursuant to the Federal Fire Prevention Control Act of 1974.

Directs the Secretary of Education to award grants to states to modernize, renovate, or repair early learning or elementary or secondary education facilities and existing facilities at community colleges.

Makes specified funds available to the Secretary of Transportation (DOT) for: (1) grants-in-aid for airport planning and development and noise compatibility planning projects under the airport improvement program (AIP); (2) Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Next Generation air traffic control system advancements; (3) highway and bridge restoration, repair, and construction projects and for passenger and freight rail transportation and port infrastructure projects; (4) grants for high-speed rail projects, capital investment grants for intercity passenger rail service, and grants to reduce congestion on intercity rail passenger transportation; (5) capital grants to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak); (6) transit capital assistance grants; (7) capital projects for existing fixed guideway system modernization, replacement and repair of buses and bus-related equipment, and construction of bus-related facilities; and (8) discretionary capital investment grants for surface transportation infrastructure.

Building and Upgrading Infrastructure for Long-Term Development Act - Establishes the American Infrastructure Financing Authority (AIFA) as a wholly-owned government corporation to make direct loans and loan guarantees to facilitate transportation, water, or energy infrastructure projects. Requires infrastructure projects assisted under this Act to have costs that are reasonably anticipated to equal or exceed \$100 million (\$25 million for rural infrastructure projects).

Sets forth special requirements for infrastructure projects in rural areas. Requires the AIFA Chief Lending Officer to establish: (1) an Office of Rural Assistance to provide technical assistance in the development and financing of rural infrastructure projects, and (2) a Center for Excellence to provide such assistance to public sector borrowers in the development and financing of infrastructure projects.

Establishes an Office of Special Inspector General to audit and investigate the business activities of AIFA.

Makes private projects for which no public benefit is created ineligible for financial assistance. Sets forth terms for loans or loan guarantees for infrastructure projects.

Requires the Chief Executive Officer of AIFA to establish and collect fees sufficient to cover all or a portion of AIFA administrative costs.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to extend through 2014 the exemption from the alternative minimum tax (AMT) for certain tax-exempt private activity bonds.

Appropriates funds for assistance to eligible entities, including state and local governments, qualified nonprofit organizations, businesses, or eligible consortia, for the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed-upon properties and for stabilization of affected neighborhoods (Project Rebuild). Allows the use of funds to: (1) establish financing mechanisms for the purchase and redevelopment of such properties; (2) purchase and rehabilitate such properties; (3) establish and operate land banks for them; (4) demolish blighted structures (except public housing); and (5) redevelop abandoned, foreclosed, demolished, or vacant properties.

Requires each state to receive at least \$20 million of formula funds, all of which shall be used with respect to low and moderate-income individuals and families.

Requires each state and local government grantee to establish procedures to create preferences for development of affordable rental housing.

Allows a grantee to use up to 10% of a grant to create jobs by establishing and operating a program to maintain eligible neighborhood properties.

Supporting Unemployed Workers Act of 2013 - Amends the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 to extend the emergency unemployment compensation (EUC) program until January 1, 2016.

Amends the Assistance for Unemployed Workers and Struggling Families Act to extend through December 31, 2015, requirements that federal payments to states cover 100% of EUC.

Amends the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act to extend through December 31, 2015, the temporary increase in extended unemployment benefits for employees with 10 or more years of service and for employees with less than 10 years of service. Permits the use of pre-existing appropriated funds under such Act to cover the cost of additional extended unemployment benefits and the cost of current benefits.

Establishes the Reemployment NOW program to facilitate the reemployment of individuals receiving emergency unemployment compensation (EUC claimants). Requires a state to submit for approval by the Secretary of Labor a plan meeting certain minimum requirements in order to be eligible for an allotment of federal funds under such program.

Authorizes a state to use its allotted funds to: (1) establish a Bridge to Work program to provide EUC claimants with

short-term work experience placements with eligible employers; (2) provide a wage insurance program to pay, for up to two years, an EUC claimant who obtains reemployment up to 50% of the difference between the wages received at the time of work separation and the wages received for reemployment; and (3) provide a program of enhanced reemployment services to EUC claimants, including unemployed individuals who have exhausted their EUC rights.

Provides for federal financing of state short-time compensation programs. Requires the Secretary of Labor to: (1) award grants to states that enact such programs; (2) develop model legislative language for use by states in developing, enacting, and implementing such programs; and (3) report to Congress and the President on the implementation of such programs.

Allows an increased work opportunity tax credit for long-term unemployed individuals (individuals who are unemployed and receiving unemployment compensation for six months or more).

Pathways Back to Work Act of 2013 - Establishes programs to subsidize employment for unemployed, low-income adults, to provide summer and year-round employment opportunities to low-income youth, and for work-based training. Provides for an initial appropriation of \$5 billion, with funds available for obligation by the Secretary of Labor until December 31, 2014, and for expenditure by grantees and subgrantees until September 30, 2015.

Subjects activities funded under this Act to federal labor standards and nondiscrimination protections.

Fair Employment Opportunity Act of 2013 - Makes it an unlawful practice for certain employers to: (1) publish a job advertisement or announcement that includes provisions indicating that an individual's status as unemployed disqualifies the individual for employment or that the employer will not consider or hire an individual for employment based on such status, (2) fail or refuse to consider or hire an individual because of such status, or (3) direct or request that an employment agency take an individual's status into account to disqualify an applicant for consideration for employment or when screening or referring employees.

Makes it an unlawful practice for an employment agency to commit similar acts, including to: (1) screen, or fail or refuse to consider or refer, an individual for employment because of the individual's unemployed status; or (2) limit, segregate, or classify any such individual in any manner that would limit access to job information or consideration, screening, or referral for jobs.

Makes it unlawful for any employer or employment agency to: (1) interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of any right provided under this Act; or (2) fail or refuse to hire, discharge, or otherwise discriminate against an employee because such individual opposed any practice made unlawful by this Act or asserted any right under it.

Prescribes enforcement authorities and legal remedies for violations of this Act.

Amends the Internal Revenue Code to provide for offsets against decreases in revenue by: (1) limiting tax deductions and other tax exclusions for taxpayers whose adjusted gross income exceeds \$200,000 (\$250,000 for married taxpayers filing a joint return), (2) treating income received by a partner from an investment services partnership interest as ordinary income for income tax purposes, and (3) treating all general aviation aircraft (including corporate jets) as seven-year property for depreciation purposes.

Repeals, after 2013, certain tax expenditures for the oil and gas industry, including: (1) the tax deduction for intangible drilling and development costs for oil and gas wells; (2) the tax deduction for tertiary injectant expenditures; (3) percentage depletion for oil and gas wells; (4) the tax deduction for income from activities relating to oil, natural gas, or

any primary product thereof; (5) the exemption from limitations on passive activity losses; and (6) the tax credits for enhanced oil recovery and for producing oil and gas from marginal wells. Increases from two to seven years the period for amortizing geological and geophysical expenditures.

Denies the foreign tax credit for amounts paid or accrued by a dual capacity taxpayer to a foreign country or U.S. possession. Defines "dual capacity taxpayer" as a person who is subject to a levy of a foreign country or U.S. possession and who receives a specific economic benefit from such country or possession. Sets forth a special rule for the treatment of taxes paid on foreign oil and gas income for purposes of the foreign tax credit.

Amends the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (Gramm--Rudman-Hollings Act), as amended by the Budget Control Act of 2011, to repeal its budget goal enforcement requirements (sequestration mandate).

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 18, 2014:** Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Ms. Wilson (FL). Petition No: 113-12. (<a href="http://clerk.house.gov/113/lrc/pd/petitions/DisPet0012.xml ">Discharge petition</a> text with signatures.)
- **Sep 13, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jul 25, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Jul 25, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Jul 25, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Jul 25, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Jul 25, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jul 24, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 24, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H4990)
- **Jul 24, 2013:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, Education and the Workforce, the Judiciary, Transportation and Infrastructure, Financial Services, House Administration, Oversight and Government Reform, and the Budget, 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.