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American Jobs in American Forests Act of 2013

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 8, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 744	Related bill	Jun 27, 2013: Senate ordered measure printed as passed.
113 HR 1596	Related bill	Apr 30, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.

Summary (as of May 8, 2013)

American Jobs in American Forests Act of 2013 - Directs the Secretary of Labor, as a component of the H-2B (temporary nonagricultural workers) labor certification process for employment in forestry, 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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