

## HR 1978

Veterans Conservation Corps Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** House

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Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Oct 20, 2015
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Nov 16, 2015

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 22, 2015
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 18, 2015
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 23, 2015
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 23, 2015
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	May 11, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Apr 22, 2015)

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#### **Veterans Conservation Corps Act of 2015**

Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish a veterans conservation corps to assist unemployed veterans in the transition from service in the Armed Forces to civilian life and to employ such veterans: (1) in conservation, resource management, firefighting, law enforcement, and historic preservation projects on public lands; (2) in maintenance and improvement projects for cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the National Cemetery Administration; and (3) as firefighters, law enforcement officers, and disaster relief personnel.

Requires priority to be given to the employment of veterans who served on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.

Requires, as part of the veterans conservation corps: (1) the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to award grants under the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to hire veterans as firefighters, (2) the Attorney General to award grants under the public safety and community policing grant program (COPS ON THE BEAT grant program) under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to hire veterans as law enforcement officers, and (3) the DHS Secretary to provide funds to increase participation by veterans in the Federal Emergency Management Agency Corps program.

Authorizes the VA Secretary to transfer amounts to carry out the corps to the Attorney General, the Chief of Engineers, the Corporation for National and Community Service, and the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, DHS, and the Interior.

Directs the VA Secretary to establish a steering committee to establish selection criteria for, and provide advice to the VA Secretary on, the awarding of assistance under this Act.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 18, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
- **May 11, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- **Apr 23, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Apr 23, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Apr 22, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 22, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Judiciary, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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.