

HR 213

Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act of 2015

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. (Feb 2, 2015)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Jan 20, 2015
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Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Jan 20, 2015
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Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Feb 17, 2015
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Feb 17, 2015
Rep. Russell, Steve [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Feb 17, 2015
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Feb 17, 2015
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Feb 17, 2015
Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Mar 3, 2015
Rep. Comstock, Barbara [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Mar 16, 2015
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Mar 16, 2015
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Mar 24, 2015
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]	R · MN		Apr 16, 2015
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Apr 28, 2015
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Apr 28, 2015
Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]	D · MN		Apr 28, 2015
Rep. Costello, Ryan A. [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Apr 30, 2015
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Apr 30, 2015
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		Jun 2, 2015
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Jun 10, 2015
Rep. Trott, David A. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Jun 10, 2015
Rep. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Jun 12, 2015
Rep. Delaney, John K. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Gibson, Christopher P. [R-NY-19]	R · NY		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Zinke, Ryan K. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Jun 17, 2015
Rep. Jenkins, Lynn [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Jun 24, 2015
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jun 24, 2015
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Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Jul 7, 2015

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Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Jul 8, 2015
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Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Jul 13, 2015
Rep. Pompeo, Mike [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Jul 14, 2015
Rep. Bishop, Mike [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Jul 20, 2015
Rep. Hinojosa, Ruben [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Jul 21, 2015
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Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Sep 25, 2015
Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Sep 29, 2015
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Sep 30, 2015
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Oct 5, 2015
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Oct 6, 2015
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Oct 6, 2015
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Oct 23, 2015
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Oct 28, 2015
Rep. Harper, Gregg [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Nov 16, 2015
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	R · PA		Nov 16, 2015
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Dec 8, 2015
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Dec 17, 2015
Rep. Dold, Robert J. [R-IL-10]	R · IL		Dec 17, 2015
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Dec 17, 2015
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Feb 1, 2016
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Feb 1, 2016
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		May 10, 2016
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Jul 12, 2016
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]	R · MN		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Yoder, Kevin [R-KS-3]	R · KS		Sep 6, 2016
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Sep 7, 2016
Rep. Dent, Charles W. [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Sep 7, 2016

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Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Sep 7, 2016
Rep. Hultgren, Randy [R-IL-14]	R · IL		Sep 7, 2016
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Sep 7, 2016
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Sep 7, 2016
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Sep 7, 2016
Rep. Ribble, Reid J. [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Sep 7, 2016
Rep. Rothfus, Keith J. [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Sep 7, 2016
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Sep 8, 2016
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Sep 8, 2016
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Sep 9, 2016
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Sep 9, 2016
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Sep 12, 2016
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Sep 12, 2016
Rep. Tsongas, Niki [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Sep 12, 2016
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	R · TX		Sep 13, 2016
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Sep 13, 2016
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Sep 13, 2016
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Sep 13, 2016
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Sep 13, 2016
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Sep 14, 2016
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Sep 19, 2016
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Sep 20, 2016
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Sep 20, 2016
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Sep 20, 2016
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		Sep 20, 2016
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Sep 20, 2016
Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Sep 20, 2016
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Sep 20, 2016
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Sep 20, 2016
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Sep 20, 2016
Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-4]	R · PA		Sep 20, 2016
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Sep 20, 2016
Rep. Israel, Steve [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Sep 21, 2016
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Sep 21, 2016
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Sep 22, 2016
Rep. Neugebauer, Randy [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Sep 22, 2016
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Sep 22, 2016
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Sep 27, 2016
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Sep 27, 2016
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Sep 27, 2016
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Sep 27, 2016
Rep. O'Rourke, Beto [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Sep 27, 2016

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Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Sep 28, 2016
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Sep 28, 2016
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Nov 14, 2016
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2016
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Nov 18, 2016
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Nov 18, 2016
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Nov 18, 2016
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Nov 30, 2016
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Nov 30, 2016
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	R · TX		Nov 30, 2016
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Nov 30, 2016
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Dec 6, 2016
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Dec 6, 2016
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Dec 8, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 2, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 181	Related bill	Jan 16, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act of 2015

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to: (1) eliminate the per country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, and (2) increase the per country numerical limitation for family based immigrants from 7% to 15% of the total number of family-sponsored visas.

Amends the Chinese Student Protection Act of 1992 to eliminate the provision requiring the reduction of annual Chinese immigrant visas to offset status adjustments under such Act.

Sets forth the following transition period for employment-based second and third preference (EB-2 and EB-3) immigrant visas:

- for FY2015, 15% of such visas allotted to natives of countries other than the two countries with the largest aggregate numbers of natives obtaining such visas in FY2011;
- for FY2016, 10% of such visas allotted in each category to natives of countries other than the two with the largest aggregate numbers of natives obtaining such visas in FY2012; and
- for FY2017, 10% of such visas allotted in each category to natives of countries other than the two with the largest aggregate numbers of natives obtaining such visas in FY2015.

Sets forth the following per country distribution rules: (1) for transition period visas, not more than 25% of the total number of EB-2 and EB-3 visas for natives of a single country; and (2) for non-transition period visas, not more than 85% of EB-2 and EB-3 visas for natives of a single country.

Provides that the amendments made by this Act will take place as if enacted on September 30, 2014, and shall apply beginning in FY2015.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 2, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Jan 8, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 8, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.