

## HR 534

### HAND UP Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Social Welfare

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training. (Apr 29, 2015)

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Jan 26, 2015
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Jan 26, 2015
Rep. Young, Todd [R-IN-9]	R · IN		Jan 26, 2015
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Feb 4, 2016
Rep. Dold, Robert J. [R-IL-10]	R · IL		Feb 12, 2016
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Feb 25, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 5, 2015
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 29, 2015
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 26, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 2, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Social Welfare

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Help Americans in Need Develop Their Ultimate Potential Act or the HAND UP Act**

Establishes a framework for the head of a state entity or of a sub-state entity administering two or more qualified federal programs to participate in a demonstration project, approved by the administering Secretary, that supports individuals and families with the goal of moving them towards self-sufficiency, reducing welfare dependence, and increasing work and earnings. Authorizes the administering Secretary to waive program requirements for purposes of the demonstration.

Specifies as qualified federal programs: (1) the TANF program under part A (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) (TANF) of title IV of the Social Security Act (SSAct), (2) the Block Grants to States for Social Services under SSAct title XX, (3) activities funded under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 or under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; (4) activities funded under the United States Housing Act of 1937, and (5) the supplemental nutrition assistance program under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

Amends the United States Housing Act of 1937 to require an annual public housing agency plan for a public housing agency to contain certain demonstration project application information.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 29, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.
- **Feb 5, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition.
- **Feb 2, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.
- **Jan 26, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 26, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Financial Services, and Education and the Workforce, 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.