

## HR 5947

### Improved Employment Outcomes for Foster Youth Act of 2016

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Taxation

**Introduced:** Sep 7, 2016

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (Sep 7, 2016)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/5947>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** WA • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Sep 7, 2016
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Sep 7, 2016
Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Sep 7, 2016
Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		Sep 7, 2016
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Sep 8, 2016
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Dec 2, 2016

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 7, 2016

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Taxation

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 3409	Related bill	Sep 28, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to expand the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) to include the hiring of qualified foster care transition youth.

(The WOTC permits employers who hire individuals who are members of a targeted group [e.g., qualified veterans, ex-felons, SSI recipients] to claim a tax credit equal to a portion of the wages paid to those individuals.)

A "qualified foster care transition youth" is any individual who is certified by the designated local agency as: (1) not having attained age 27 as of the hiring date, and (2) as having been in foster care after attaining the younger of age 16 or the age specified in provisions of the Social Security Act related to the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 7, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 7, 2016:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR: E1214)
- **Sep 7, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.