

## HR 1534

21st Century Worker Opportunity Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

**Introduced:** Mar 15, 2017

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. (Mar 17, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1534>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 15, 2017
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 17, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Labor and Employment

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3273	Related bill	<b>Aug 20, 2018:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 558.

## 21st Century Worker Opportunity Act

This bill requires the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to implement a program that provides displaced workers with a subsidy or coupon for a lump sum payment of \$500 that may only be applied towards: (1) broadband Internet access service, or (2) remote job training in a profession not likely to be automated in the next 20 years.

A "displaced worker" is defined as an individual who, due to automation of machinery that replaces human labor, has been terminated or laid off from employment or who has received a notice of termination or layoff from employment.

To be eligible for the program, a displaced worker who has been laid off or terminated must submit a certification from an employer that the worker was employed in the manufacturing sector and was laid off or terminated due to the automation of the position of the worker.

## Actions Timeline

---

- **Mar 17, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Mar 15, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 15, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.