

## HR 2685

### Portable Benefits for Independent Workers Pilot Program Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

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## Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		May 25, 2017
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		May 25, 2017
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		May 25, 2017
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Sep 27, 2017

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	May 25, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1251	Identical bill	May 25, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **Portable Benefits for Independent Workers Pilot Program Act**

This bill requires the Department of Labor to award grants for FY2018, on a competitive basis, to states, local governments, or nonprofit organizations to support broad innovation and experimentation with respect to portable benefits.

Portable benefits are work-related benefits that are provided to eligible workers for eligible work in a manner that allows the worker to maintain the benefits upon changing jobs.

The grants must be used for: (1) the evaluation, or improvement to the design or implementation, of existing models or approaches for providing portable benefits; or (2) the design, implementation, and evaluation of new models or approaches for providing such benefits. The grants may not be used for a model or approach that provides only retirement-related benefits.

The Government Accountability Office must evaluate and report to Congress on the outcome of the grants awarded pursuant to this bill.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 25, 2017:** Introduced in House
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