HR 7117

Essential Pay for Essential Workers Act

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Chamber: House
Policy Area: Taxation
Introduced: Jun 4, 2020
Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor
Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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. (Jun 4, 2020)
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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (13 total)

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Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Jul 1, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 4, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 4, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6484	Related bill	**Apr 10, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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.

Summary (as of Jun 4, 2020)

Essential Pay for Essential Workers Act

This bill requires employers to pay essential health care employees a premium amount in addition to their regular rate of pay during an emergency period. It also allows employers a payroll tax credit for the payment of such enhanced wages to essential employees.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 4, 2020:** Introduced in House
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