

HR 1388

WPA Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Labor and Employment

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support. (Feb 25, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]

Party: Democratic • State: NJ • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Feb 25, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		May 7, 2021
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Mar 21, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 25, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 328	Related bill	Jan 15, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Workforce Promotion and Access Act or the WPA Act

This bill requires the Department of Labor to establish a program to provide grants for job guarantee programs. Specifically, such grants are awarded on a competitive basis to political subdivisions of states, tribal entities, and outlying areas with a high unemployment rate to establish a program to ensure employment to residents. A job guarantee program qualifies under this bill if the jobs provided under the program pay a certain wage, are included in an established bargaining unit, provide health insurance, and comply with certain leave requirements.

The bill also imposes a trading excise tax, with certain exemptions, on certain transactions occurring on a qualified board or exchange in the United States or with respect to a derivative. The rate of such tax is 0.1% on purchases of stocks, bonds, and derivatives.

The tax applies to transactions by a controlled foreign corporation and must be paid by its U.S. shareholders.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 25, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 25, 2021:** 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.
- **Feb 25, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support.