

HR 615

Keeping the Lights On Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Taxation

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Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, 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. (Jan 28, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 28, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 28, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill allows an eligible employer a payroll tax credit equal to 50% of a limited amount of qualified fixed expenses paid by such employer in a calendar quarter. *Qualified fixed expenses* include a mortgage, rent, or a utility payment.

An employer is eligible for such payroll credit if the employer was carrying on a trade or business that had not more than 1,500 full-time employees or not more than \$41.5 million in gross receipts in 2019. The employer's business must have been suspended in a calendar quarter due to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) and have experienced a significant decline in gross receipts due to that pandemic.

The credit may not be claimed by the federal government or by any state or tribal government, or by U.S. possessions, but may be claimed by tax-exempt organizations.

Actions Timeline

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