

HR 738

Essential Pay for Essential Workers Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Taxation

Introduced: Feb 2, 2021

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. (Feb 2, 2021)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (20 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Feb 2, 2021
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Feb 2, 2021
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Feb 2, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 2, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 2, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Feb 2, 2021
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Feb 2, 2021
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Feb 3, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Feb 3, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Feb 4, 2021
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Apr 1, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Apr 14, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 2, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 2, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Taxation

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 2, 2021)

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

- **Feb 2, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 2, 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.