

HR 7549

Seasonal Worker Solidarity Act of 2022

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Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Apr 26, 2022
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		May 10, 2022
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		May 31, 2022
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Jul 1, 2022
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jul 15, 2022
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Oct 14, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 21, 2022)

Seasonal Worker Solidarity Act of 2022

This bill modifies the H-2B (temporary nonagricultural workers) visa program and expands protections for aliens who report workplace violations.

Changes to the H-2B program include

- requiring the Department of Labor to establish a centralized national electronic platform for U.S. workers to find and apply for positions that employers are seeking to fill with H-2B workers;
- requiring employers to recruit U.S. workers nationwide, including by posting the openings on the platform, before applying for H-2B visas;
- requiring employers to guarantee at least 40 hours of paid work per week for each H-2B worker (currently employers may guarantee fewer paid hours in certain instances);
- requiring employers to pay for housing for H-2B workers and transportation to and from the work site (currently employers are allowed to deduct fees for lodgings from an H-2B worker's pay);
- modifying the requirements for determining the minimum wage for H-2B workers; and
- prioritizing H-2B visas for certain employers, such as those that pay higher wages.

Furthermore, an alien who has worked a certain amount of time as an H-2B worker may obtain permanent resident status, subject to various requirements.

In addition, an alien who is likely helpful in an investigation of a workplace claim (i.e., an alleged violation of law or workplace-related injury) may qualify for a U visa for victims of criminal activity. The bill also removes statutory numerical limitations on U visas.

The bill also provides protections for certain aliens who file or assist in the investigation of workplace claims.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Apr 21, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 21, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.