

HR 2851

WISE Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Current Status: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Agr

Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Agriculture, Education and Workforce, Energy and Commerce, and Financial Services, 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. (Apr 10, 2025)

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Sponsor

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Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Apr 17, 2025
Rep. Latimer, George [D-NY-16]	D · NY		May 1, 2025
Rep. Lee, Summer L. [D-PA-12]	D · PA		May 7, 2025
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Aug 29, 2025

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Salinas, Andrea [D-OR-6]	D · OR		Oct 8, 2025
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Mar 25, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 10, 2025
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 10, 2025
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 10, 2025
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 10, 2025
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 10, 2025
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 10, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 10, 2025)

Working for Immigrant Safety and Empowerment Act or the WISE Act

This bill expands eligibility for U nonimmigrant visas (victims of criminal activity) and prohibits immigration enforcement activities in specified areas.

Generally, U visas are for victims of specified crimes (e.g., rape, trafficking, or domestic violence) who assist with the investigation or prosecution of the crime. The bill adds hate crimes, child abuse, and elder abuse as crimes that may qualify a victim for a U visa and removes criteria related to the victim's assistance with the investigation or prosecution of the crime.

Furthermore, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) must provide work authorization to U visa applicants, whereas currently DHS may grant work authorization but is not required to do so.

The bill also eliminates the annual numerical cap on U visas.

The bill establishes a rebuttable presumption that certain individuals, including U visa applicants and T visa (victims of human trafficking) applicants, shall not be detained while the application is pending.

Additionally, the bill provides immigration-related protections, such as by extending the admission period and providing work authorization, to the spouse or child of a nonimmigrant visa holder who subjected that spouse or child to battery or extreme cruelty.

Further, the bill prohibits, with some exceptions for exigent circumstances, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or U.S. Customs and Border Protection from conducting immigration enforcement actions within 1,000 feet of a school, health care facility, place of worship, or other location specified in the bill.

