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Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2025

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-21]	D · CA		May 7, 2025
Rep. Gray, Adam [D-CA-13]	D · CA		May 7, 2025
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		May 7, 2025
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	R · ID		May 7, 2025
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-22]	R · CA		May 7, 2025
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Jun 30, 2025
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Jun 30, 2025
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Jun 30, 2025
Rep. Vindman, Eugene Simon [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Oct 3, 2025
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Jan 20, 2026
Rep. Salinas, Andrea [D-OR-6]	D · OR		Mar 25, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	May 7, 2025
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 7, 2025
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 7, 2025
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 7, 2025

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 7, 2025)

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This bill establishes a new certified agricultural worker (CAW) visa status for foreign farmworkers, heightens requirements under the current H-2A temporary worker program, and provides for mandatory employment eligibility verification for the agricultural workforce.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may grant CAW status to an applying non-U.S. national (*alien* under federal law) who meets certain requirements, such as hours worked in agricultural labor during a specified time period and having a continuous presence in the United States.

The bill establishes a path to lawful permanent resident status for those with CAW status.

CAW status shall be valid for 5.5 years and may be extended. The applicant's spouse or children may receive CAW dependent status.

A CAW applicant may not be detained or removed by DHS and shall be authorized for employment until DHS makes a final decision on the application.

The bill also modifies the H-2A visa program, which allows employers to hire foreign workers for temporary or seasonal agricultural work. The changes include (1) requiring H-2A employers to guarantee certain minimum work hours, and (2) making the program available for agricultural work that is not temporary or seasonal.

DHS must also establish an electronic system patterned on the E-Verify Program for employers to verify an individual's identity and employment authorization. Employers hiring individuals for agricultural employment must use the system.

The bill extends through FY2030 and codifies the Multifamily Housing Preservation and Revitalization program for rural and farmworker housing.

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