



CONGRESSWOMAN ROBIN KELLY

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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BILLS INTRODUCED – (14 total)

H.R.4946 — Crime Gun Tracing Act

Committees: House - Judiciary

Description: This legislation would amend the grant application form for the federal Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant program to require law enforcement applicants to specify (1) how many crime guns they recovered in the last year; (2) how many of those guns they submitted to ATF for tracing; and (3) the reason why any recovered guns were not submitted. The bill would create a grant preference in awarding COPS grants, where feasible, to applicants that have submitted all of their crime guns recovered in the last year to ATF for tracing.

H.R.4817 — Stamp Out Violence In Our Communities Act

Committees: House - Oversight and Government Reform, Judiciary

Description: Would provide a funding source for the Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) program through revenue raised by the sale of a new special-rate U.S. postage stamp. Consumers who wish to contribute to anti-gang programs could choose to purchase the stamp which could be used for first-class mail.

GREAT is an existing program, administered by the U.S. Justice Department, which sends law enforcement officers into schools around the country to educate students about the dangers of gang activity and to give them the skills to resist gang recruitment.

H.R.4395 — Action for Dental Health Act 2014

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce - Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Description: Bill helps oral health in lower-income communities by breaking down barriers to care. Makes grants available to support volunteer dental projects in communities and improve oral health education and dental disease prevention through community-wide prevention programs and literacy campaigns.

Endorsements: American Dental Association (ADA), Friends of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (FNIDCR)

H.R.3955 — Skilled Seniors Promotion Act

Committees: House - Education and the Workforce

Description: Bill would direct the Secretary of Labor to start a pilot program that directs funds provided under the Workforce Investment Act to specific workforce training programs for older workers. This training would particularly focus on computer literacy, advanced computer skills, and resume writing.

H.R.3956 — Community Investment and Empowerment Act

Committees: House - Small Business

Description: Bill aims to incentivize businesses like grocery stores, retail chains, and restaurants to locate to areas struggling to recruit and retain businesses, in order to meet residents' needs. Grant funding under this proposal would be used for community retail marketing strategies, market analyses, and employment training programs.

H.R.3929 — Pullman National Historical Park Act

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Description: Establishes the Pullman National Historical Park in Illinois as a unit of the National Park System

H.R.3328 — American Work Opportunity Act

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Description: Amends the Internal Revenue Code to extend through 2018 the work opportunity tax credit for hiring certain employees who are described as members of a targeted group, including: (1) a qualified ex-felon, (2) a vocational rehabilitation referral, (3) a qualified summer youth employee, and (4) a qualified supplemental nutrition assistance program recipient.

H.R.3327 — Veterans Opportunity Act

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Description: Amends the Internal Revenue Code to extend through 2018 the work opportunity tax credit for qualified veterans (defined as veterans who are members of families receiving supplemental nutrition assistance or who are entitled to compensation for a service-connected disability and have been unemployed for a certain period of time).

H.R.3297 — 113th Congress (2013-2014) – Teen Dating Violence Education Act of 2013

Committees: House - Education and the Workforce

Description: Requires the inclusion of information regarding the legal rights available to teenage victims of dating violence in the education programs created with grants to combat the impact on students of domestic violence.

H.R.3142 — STEM Readiness Act of 2013

Committees: House - Education and the Workforce

Description: This bill creates a Department of Education program that will award scholarships on a competitive basis to students who complete bachelor's degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and agree to perform five academic years of qualified teaching service upon completion of their degree.

H.Res.318 — 113th Congress (2013-2014)

Committees: House – Judiciary

Description: This bill expresses disapproval over the gun violence plaguing America's communities, and calls on the Congress to enact comprehensive gun reforms that reduce gun violence.

H.R.2648 — The Keeping Guns From High-Risk Individuals Act

Committees: House - Judiciary

Description: Amends the United States Code to prohibit the sale or other disposition of a firearm to, and the possession, shipment, transportation, or receipt of a firearm by, certain groups of "High Risk" individuals.

H.R.2465 — The Recognizing Gun Violence As a Public Health Emergency Act

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Description: Requires the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service to submit to Congress an annual report on the effects of gun violence on public health.

H.R.2464 — The Improving Gun Safety Standards Act

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Description: Amends the Consumer Product Safety Act to remove the exclusion of pistols, revolvers, and other firearms from the definition of "consumer product" in order to permit the issuance of consumer safety standards.

H.R.5222 — Rental Assistance Housing Preservation and Rehabilitation Act

Committees: House- Financial Services

Description: Amends the 'Rental Assistance Demonstration' program at the Department of Housing and Urban Development by allowing Congress to provide the authority to raise the unit cap for RAD.

AMENDMENTS PASSED

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS BILL - H.R. 4800

“Summer Food For Kids”

On June 12, 2014 Congresswoman Kelly introduced and passed a bipartisan amendment that provides \$30 million in funding for anti-hunger, food and nutrition programs for schoolchildren during the summer months.

The amendment – which she offered along with Congressman Steve Cohen (D-TN) and Congresswoman Dina Titus (D-NV) –passed with bipartisan support and increases funding for the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children pilot program. This program allows eligible families to receive additional Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits during the summer months.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION (FY 14&15) – H.R. 4681

“Creating a More Diverse Intelligence Community”

On May 30, 2014 Congresswoman Kelly introduced and passed a bipartisan amendment to the Intelligence Authorization bill that helps prepare students at predominately black colleges and institutions for careers in national security and intelligence.

The Kelly amendment allows the Director of National Intelligence to provide grants to predominantly Black institutions to offer advanced foreign language education and study abroad and cultural immersion programs to increase diversity in the national security and intelligence community.

The Second Congressional District is home to many Predominantly Black Institutions “PBI’s.” This amendment would help in educating and training students in critical disciplines relied on in the Intelligence Community and aims to make HBCU’s and PBI’s more attractive recruiting grounds for intelligence agencies. Congresswoman Kelly’s amendment will help the intelligence community meet it’s strategic, diversity and critical language goals.

2015 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) H.R. 4435

“Bring Back the Kidnapped Nigerian Girls”

On May 22, 2014 Congresswoman Kelly introduced and passed a bipartisan amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act that aims to help rescue more than 200 schoolgirls who were kidnapped in Nigeria by terror group Boko Haram. The Kelly amendment requires the Departments of Defense and State to report to Congress on the status of the kidnapped girls as well as to provide background on the U.S. search and rescue effort in Nigeria. The amendment also requires that the

two departments provide Congress with a threat assessment of the Boko Haram terrorist group and that they submit recommendations on how the U.S. and Nigerian governments can work together to rescue the kidnapped girls and help protect other girls from a similar fate.

The Revitalizing American Manufacturing and Innovation Act H.R. 2996

“Diversifying American Manufacturing”

On July 25, 2014 Congresswoman Kelly introduced and passed a bipartisan amendment to The Revitalizing American Manufacturing and Innovation Act, which aims to boost American manufacturing competitiveness, stimulate innovation and accelerate workforce development.

The Kelly Amendment would require that these efforts include women and minority-owned, small and mid-sized businesses to ensure that the businesses stimulating new innovation in manufacturing represent the diversity of the communities they serve.

KEY COSPONSORSHIPS

H.R.4629 — 113th Congress (2013-2014)

Manufacturing Jobs for Veterans Act

Sponsor: Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1] (Introduced 05/09/2014)
Committees: House - Education and the Workforce
Latest Action: 06/13/2014 Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

H.R.4582 — 113th Congress (2013-2014)

Bank on Students Emergency Loan Refinancing Act

Sponsor: Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6] (Introduced 05/06/2014)
Committees: House - Education and the Workforce, Ways and Means
Latest Action: 06/13/2014 Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

H.R.4225 — 113th Congress (2013-2014)

SAVE Act of 2014

Sponsor: Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2] (Introduced 03/13/2014)
Committees: House - Judiciary
Latest Action: 05/21/2014 Received in the Senate.

H.R.4159 — 113th Congress (2013-2014)

America Competes Reauthorization Act of 2014

Sponsor: Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30] (Introduced 03/06/2014)
Committees: House - Education and the Workforce, Science, Space, and Technology
Latest Action: 06/13/2014 Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

H.R.3824 — 113th Congress (2013-2014)

Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act

Sponsor: Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6] (Introduced 01/09/2014)
Committees: House - Ways and Means, Transportation and Infrastructure
Latest Action: 02/28/2014 Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2068-206)

H.R.3370 — 113th Congress (2013-2014)

Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014

Sponsor: Rep. Grimm, Michael G. [R-NY-11] (Introduced 10/29/2013)

Committees: House - Financial Services, Rules

Latest Action: 03/22/2014 Became Public Law No: 113-89.

H.R.15 — 113th Congress (2013-2014)

Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act

Sponsor: Rep. Garcia, Joe [D-FL-26] (Introduced 10/02/2013)

Committees: House - Education and the Workforce, Foreign Affairs, Natural Resources, Oversight and Government Reform, Ways and Means, Transportation and Infrastructure, Armed Services, Homeland Security, Science, Space, and Technology, Financial Services, Agriculture, Budget, Judiciary, Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: 03/26/2014 Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Mr. Garcia. Petition No: 113-9. ([Discharge petition](#) text with signatures.)

H.Res.365 — 113th Congress (2013-2014)

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives commending efforts by the United States to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution.

Sponsor: Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9] (Introduced 09/27/2013)

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: 09/27/2013 Referred to House Foreign Affairs

H.R.2994 — 113th Congress (2013-2014)

Mortgage Forgiveness Tax Relief Act of 2013

Sponsor: Rep. Reed, Tom [R-NY-23] (Introduced 08/02/2013)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: 08/02/2013 Referred to House Ways and Means

H.R.1755 — 113th Congress (2013-2014)

Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2013

Sponsor: Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2] (Introduced 04/25/2013)

Committees: House - Education and the Workforce, Oversight and Government Reform, House Administration, Judiciary

Latest Action: 07/08/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.

H.R.1595 — 113th Congress (2013-2014)

Student Loan Relief Act of 2013

Sponsor: Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2] (Introduced 04/17/2013)

Committees: House - Education and the Workforce

Latest Action: 07/08/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

Note: On 6/13/2013, a motion was filed to discharge the Committee on Education and the Workforce from the consideration of H.R.1595. A discharge petition requires 218 signatures for further action. (Discharge Petition No. [113-2](#): text with signatures.)

H.R.1010 — 113th Congress (2013-2014)

Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2013

Sponsor: Rep. Miller, George [D-CA-11] (Introduced 03/06/2013)

Committees: House - Education and the Workforce

Latest Action: 02/26/2014 Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Mr. Bishop (NY). Petition No: 113-7. ([Discharge petition](#) text with signatures.)

Note: On 2/26/2014, a motion was filed to discharge the Committee on Education and the Workforce from the consideration of H.R.1010. A discharge petition requires 218 signatures for further action. (Discharge Petition No. [113-7](#): text with signatures.)

H.R.377 — 113th Congress (2013-2014)

Paycheck Fairness Act

Sponsor: Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3] (Introduced 01/23/2013)

Committees: House - Education and the Workforce

Latest Action: 04/23/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.

Note: On 4/11/2013, a motion was filed to discharge the Committee on Education and the Workforce from the consideration of H.R.377. A discharge petition requires 218 signatures for further action. (Discharge Petition No. [113-1](#): text with signatures.)

H.R.3086 — 113th Congress (2013-2014)

Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act

Sponsor: Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6] (Introduced 09/12/2013)

Committees: House - Judiciary

Latest Action: 07/03/2014 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 382.

H.R.3653 — 113th Congress (2013-2014)

Jobs for Veterans Act of 2013

Sponsor: Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2] (Introduced 12/04/2013)

Committees: House - Ways and Means, Veterans' Affairs

Latest Action: 12/11/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

H.R.3546 — 113th Congress (2013-2014)

Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2013

Sponsor: Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-9] (Introduced 11/20/2013)

Committees: House - Ways and Means, Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: 11/20/2013 Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure

H.R.3453 — 113th Congress (2013-2014)

Putting Our Veterans Back to Work Act of 2013

Sponsor: Rep. Horsford, Steven A. [D-NV-4] (Introduced 11/12/2013)

Committees: House - Oversight and Government Reform, Armed Services, Science, Space, and Technology, Veterans' Affairs, Judiciary

Latest Action: 01/24/2014 Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.