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To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to report on the H–2A program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VASQUEZ (for himself and Mr. CISCOMANI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Farm Workforce Sup-
5 port Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON H-2A TEMPORARY VISA PROGRAM.**

7 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than two years
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comp-
9 troller General of the United States shall submit a report

1 to certain Congressional committees on the H-2A pro-
2 gram, including—

3 (1) an analysis of the impact the program has
4 on hiring, including the impact on domestic workers
5 and guest workers and whether there is an increas-
6 ing reliance on the program by American employers;

7 (2) identification of any challenges in securing
8 adequate, affordable housing for guest workers;

9 (3) implications of wage rate requirements
10 under the program on an American employer's abil-
11 ity to recruit domestic workers in comparison to
12 guest workers;

13 (4) an analysis of the economic impact of lost
14 wages from a spouse and unmarried children of a
15 guest worker; and

16 (5) examining compliance with working condi-
17 tion guarantees outlined in a guest worker's contract
18 made pursuant to the H-2A program.

19 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) AMERICAN EMPLOYER.—The term “Amer-
21 ican employer” means an individual, company, or or-
22 ganization that hires another individual and pays
23 such individual a salary or wage, in the United
24 States.

1 (2) CERTAIN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—
2 The term “certain Congressional committees” means
3 the—

4 (A) Committee on Education and the
5 Workforce of the House of Representatives;

6 (B) Committee on Agriculture of the
7 House of Representatives;

8 (C) Committee on Health, Education,
9 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate; and

10 (D) Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
11 and Forestry of the Senate.

12 (3) DOMESTIC WORKER.—The term “domestic
13 worker” means a United States citizen who is em-
14 ployed in the United States.

15 (4) GUEST WORKER.—The term “guest work-
16 er” means a worker who is a nonimmigrant de-
17 scribed in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) of the Immi-
18 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
19 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a)).

20 (5) H-2A PROGRAM.—The term “H-2A pro-
21 gram” means the admission of nonimmigrants de-
22 scribed in section 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) of the Immi-
23 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
24 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a)).

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