

Key Committees that Influence Workforce Development Policy and Investments

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House Budget Committee

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Democratic Members

John M. Spratt, Jr., SC, Chairman

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Rob Andrews, NJ

Rosa DeLauro, CT

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Robert B. Aderholt, AL

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Gregg Harper, MS

Bob Latta, OH

No subcommittees



House Appropriations Committee

Key Subcommittee: Labor-Health and Human Services-Education and Related Agencies Subcommittee

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Democratic Members

*David R. Obey, WI, Chairman**

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David E. Price, NC

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Patrick J. Kennedy, RI

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Tim Ryan, OH

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Republican Members

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Kay Granger, TX

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John R. Carter, TX

Rodney Alexander, LA

Ken Calvert, CA

Jo Bonner, AL

Steven C. LaTourette, OH

Tom Cole, OK

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House Education and Labor Committee

Key Subcommittee: Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness

The Education and Labor Committee authorizes federal programs and initiatives dealing with education at all levels – from preschool through high school to higher education and continuing education. This includes the [Workforce Investment Act](#) (WIA), the [Higher Education Act](#) (HEA), [Perkins Career & Technical Education](#), and [Adult Basic Education](#) (ABE).

Democratic Members

George Miller, CA, Chairman

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House Ways and Means Committee

Key Subcommittee: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support

The House Ways and Means Committee is responsible for authorizing all [federal tax policies](#), [Temporary Assistance for Needy Families](#) (TANF), and [Trade Adjustment Assistance](#) (TAA).

Democratic Members

Charles B. Rangel, NY, Chairman

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Xavier Becerra, CA

Lloyd Doggett, TX

Earl Pomeroy, ND

Mike Thompson, CA

John B. Larson, CT

Earl Blumenauer, OR

Ron Kind, WI

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Shelley Berkley, NV

Joseph Crowley, NY

Chris Van Hollen, MD

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Allyson Y. Schwartz, PA

Artur Davis, AL

Danny K. Davis, IL

Bob Etheridge, NC

Linda T. Sanchez, CA

Brian Higgins, NY

John A. Yarmuth, KY

Republican Members

Dave Camp, MI, Ranking Member

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Sam Johnson, TX

Kevin Brady, TX

Paul Ryan, WI

Eric Cantor, VA

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Charles W. Boustany, Jr., LA

Dean Heller, NV

Peter J. Roskam, IL

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Democratic Members

Kent Conrad, ND, Chairman

Patty Murray, WA

Ron Wyden, OR

Russell D. Feingold, WI

Robert C. Byrd, WV

Bill Nelson, FL

Debbie Stabenow, MI

Robert Menendez, NJ

Benjamin L. Cardin, MD

Bernie Sanders, VT

Sheldon Whitehouse, RI

Mark Warner, VA

Jeff Merkley, OR

Republican Members

Judd Gregg, NH, Ranking Member

Chuck Grassley, IA

Michael B. Enzi, WY

Jeff Sessions, AL

Jim Bunning, KY

Mike Crapo, ID

John Ensign, NV

John Cornyn, TX

Lindsey Graham, SC

Lamar Alexander, TN

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Democratic Members

Daniel Inouye, HI, Chairman

Robert Byrd, WV

Patrick Leahy, VT

*Tom Harkin, IA**

Barbara Mikulski, MD

Herb Kohl, WI

Patty Murray, WA

Byron Dorgan, ND

Dianne Feinstein, CA

Dick Durbin, IL

Tim Johnson, SD

Mary Landrieu, LA

Jack Reed, RI

Frank Lautenberg, NJ

Ben Nelson, NE

Mark Pryor, AR

Jon Tester, MT

Arlen Specter, PA

Republican Members

*Thad Cochran, MS, Ranking Member**

Christopher "Kit" Bond, MO,

Mitch McConnell, KY

Richard Shelby, AL

Judd Gregg, NH

Robert Bennett, UT

Kay Bailey Hutchison, TX

Sam Brownback, KS

Lamar Alexander, TN

Susan Collins, ME

George Voinovich, OH

Lisa Murkowski, AK

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Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee

Key Subcommittee: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety

The Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee authorizes the [Workforce Investment Act](#) (WIA), the [Higher Education Act](#) (HEA), [Perkins Career & Technical Education](#), and [Adult Basic Education](#) (ABE).

Democratic Members

Tom Harkin, IA, Chairman

Christopher Dodd, CT

Barbara A. Mikulski, MD

Jeff Bingaman, NM

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Jack Reed, RI

Bernie Sanders (I), VT

Sherrod Brown, OH

Robert P. Casey, Jr. , PA

Kay Hagan, NC

Jeff Merkley, OR

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Republican Members

Michael B. Enzi, WY, Ranking Member

Judd Gregg, NH

Lamar Alexander, TN

Richard Burr, NC

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Orrin G. Hatch, UT

Lisa Murkowski, AK

Tom Coburn, OK

Pat Roberts, KS

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Senate Finance Committee

Key Subcommittee: Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy

The Senate Finance Committee authorizes all [federal tax policies](#), [Temporary Assistance for Needy Families](#) (TANF), and [Trade Adjustment Assistance](#) (TAA).

Democratic Members

Max Baucus, MT, Chairman

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Kent Conrad, ND

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Ron Wyden, OR

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Robert Menendez, NJ

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