
Immigration Reform – The Case of H-1B

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There is much debate in the United States about immigration policy and the need for reform. The debate seems to have picked up momentum with the Presidential elections of 2012 and the Supreme Court's decision of Arizona v. United States. This paper concentrates on one area of the immigration policy, the H-1B Visa program through which employers recruit non-US nationals to work in the US for a set number of years. This program is critical because of the projected shortage of skilled workforce in the US and the continued reliance on foreign workers. US businesses voice complaints about the current program and demand comprehensive reform. The Senate has begun drafting new legislation.

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