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Rep. Pete Aguilar introduces first bill, for job training



Pete Aguilar

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The former mayor of Redlands has introduced his [first piece of legislation](#) at his new job.

On Wednesday, Rep. Pete Aguilar, D-Rancho Cucamonga, introduced the [On-the-Job Training Tax Credit Act of 2015](#). H.R. 2431 would “amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against tax for job training expenses of employers,” the bill reads in part.

The bill is intended to make it easier for job seekers to get training for open jobs that require specific or technical skills, according to a news release from Aguilar’s office.

“This bill will enable local employers to hire more employees to support their businesses, while also equipping new employees with critical skills to help them succeed in our economy,” Aguilar is quoted as saying in the release. “This bill builds on successful programs we heard about during the Jobs Tour, like the San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board’s On-the-Job Training program.

If enacted, the legislation would offer a new tax credit for employers with 500 or fewer employees. The credit could be used to pay for half the cost for training employees, covering up to \$5,000 in training expenses per worker, including apprenticeship programs, training offered by vocational or technical school, community college courses, training offered by trade organizations and labor unions or training programs offered by industry. The credit would be available from 2015 through 2017.

“I’m proud to introduce this legislation and look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to see it through and to continue to put Inland Empire residents back to work,” Aguilar says in the release.

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As a bill introduced by a member of the minority party, and after being sent to the House Ways and Means Committee, H.R. 2431 has only about a 1 percent change of being enacted, [according to the non-partisan GovTrack.us website](#). (Only 3 percent of introduced bills have been enacted over the past two years, according to the site.) As of Friday, the bill has no cosponsors.

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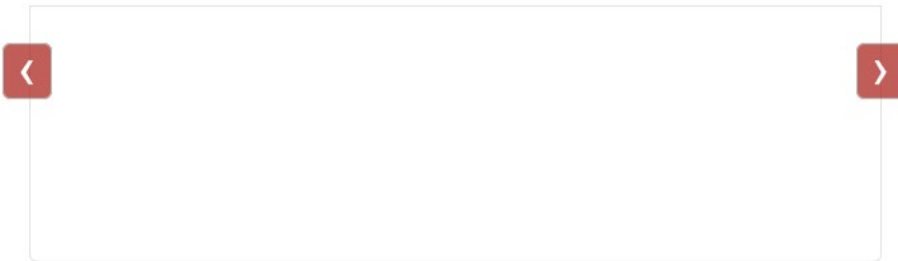


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