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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit to employers for hiring new employees.

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Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon (for herself, Mr. FROST, Mr. WU, Mrs. McCARTHY of New York, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. EVANS, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. PAUL, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Ms. DEGETTE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Expand America’s
5 Workforce Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. NEW EMPLOYEE CREDIT ADDED TO GENERAL BUSI-
7 NESS CREDIT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart D of part IV of sub-
9 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of

1 1986 (relating to business-related credits) is amended by
2 adding at the end the following new section:

3 **“SEC. 45G. NEW EMPLOYEE CREDIT.**

4 “(a) GENERAL RULE.—For purposes of section 38,
5 the new employee credit determined under this section for
6 a taxable year is an amount equal to \$5,000 multiplied
7 by the number of new qualified employees for the taxable
8 year.

9 “(b) LIMITATION.—For purposes of subsection (a),
10 the number of employees treated as new qualified employ-
11 ees for the taxable year may not exceed the excess (if any)
12 of—

13 “(1) the number of full-time employees of the
14 taxpayer on the last day of the taxable year, over

15 “(2) the number of full-time employees of the
16 taxpayer on the first day of the taxable year.

17 “(c) NEW QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this sec-
19 tion, the term ‘new qualified employee’ means an in-
20 dividual who—

21 “(A) as of the last day of the taxable year
22 of the employer, is a full-time employee of the
23 employer, and

24 “(B) first began full-time employment with
25 the employer during the 12-month period begin-

4 “(2) EXCEPTION.—No individual with respect
5 to whom a credit is determined for the taxable year
6 under section 51 shall be treated as a new qualified
7 employee.

8 "(d) SPECIAL RULES.—For purposes of this sec-
9 tion—

10 “(1) FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT.—An employee
11 shall be considered full-time if such employee is em-
12 ployed at least 30 hours per week for each week dur-
13 ing the 12-month period referred to in subsection
14 (b)(1).

15 “(2) AGGREGATION RULE.—All persons treated
16 as a single employer under subsection (a) or (b) of
17 section 52, or subsection (m) or (o) of section 414,
18 shall be treated as one person.

19 "(e) TERMINATION.—This section shall not apply to
20 taxable years beginning after December 31, 2005.".

21 (b) CREDIT TO BE PART OF GENERAL BUSINESS
22 CREDIT.—Subsection (b) of section 38 of such Code (re-
23 lating to general business credit) is amended by striking
24 “plus” at the end of paragraph (14), by striking the period

1 at the end of paragraph (15) and inserting “, plus”, and
2 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

3 “(16) the new employee credit determined
4 under section 45G(a).”.

5 (c) LIMITATION ON CARRYBACK.—Section 39(d) of
6 such Code (relating to transitional rules) is amended by
7 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

8 “(11) NO CARRYBACK OF NEW EMPLOYEE
9 CREDIT BEFORE EFFECTIVE DATE.—No portion of
10 the unused business credit for any taxable year
11 which is attributable to the credit determined under
12 section 45G may be carried back to any taxable year
13 ending on or before the date of the enactment of
14 section 45G.”.

15 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
16 tions for subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter
17 1 of such Code is amended by inserting after the item
18 relating to section 45F the following new item:

“45G. New employee credit.”.

19 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
20 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
21 December 31, 2003.

