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POLICY FORUM

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WORK PERMITS FOR ALL JOURNAL:  
LEGISLATIVE TIMELINE  
JULY 17, 2024

**WORK PERMITS**  
**FOR ALL!**



**HERE TO**  
**WORK**

# How We Got Here: Legislative Timeline

**June 2023:** Congresswoman Ramirez sends letter to Biden, Congressman Garcia sends letter to Biden.

**July 2023:** House Rep. Leader Hernandez (IL) agrees to be Chief Sponsor for Work Permits Bill.

**August 2023:** National Here to Work Campaign Launch & IL Work Permits for All (WP4A) launch & Press Conference.

**October 12, 2023:** Chicago WP4A Rally w/500 people.

**October 27, 2023:** Forum hosts Roundtable Discussion with Sen. Duckworth. Debriefed Senator on New Migrants state of play and debrief WP4A coalition.

**October 30, 2023:** Senator Karina Villa agrees to be Co-Chief Sponsor in the Senate for Work Permits Bill.



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**November 13, 2023:** Here to Work Summit in DC for Day of Action w/2,500 participants. IL brings the largest delegation with 500 participants.

**November 14, 2023:** D.C. Day of Action – IL WP4A campaign meets with Senator Duckworth and Senator Durbin to debrief on the state campaign and ask for support for action at the federal level.

**December 2023:** Chicago City Council and Cook County pass work permits resolutions.

**January 17, 2024:** IL House Speaker Welch announces new working group in the House – New Arrivals Working Group to inform Representatives on the state of play of migrants, needs, gaps, and potential recommendations.

**January 24, 2024:** Coalition meets with Congressman Quigley in Chicago at The Resurrection Project's work permits clinic for new arrivals. Debriefed him on state campaign and asked for support for action at the federal level.



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**February 7, 2024:** Coalition lobbyists met with Latino Caucus Chairs (Rep. Avelar and Sen. Villanueva) and the House Immigration Chair (Rep. Delgado) to socialize the Work Permits Bill. These meetings helped inform a strategy shift from a Bill to a Resolution.

**February – March 2024:** Series of webinars for the community to raise awareness and support for campaign.

**March 4–6, 2024:** Unidos US Policy Summit D.C – coalition met with IL delegation (Congressman Garcia, Quigley, Foster, and Congresswoman Ramirez as well as Sen Duckworth and Sen Durbin) to collectively ask Biden for action at the federal level. \*First national organization (UnidosUS) signs on to IL WP4A campaign.

**March 20, 2024:** Latino Policy Forum, The Resurrection Project, and American Business Immigrant Coalition present to the IL House New Arrivals Working Group.



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**March 26, 2024:** The coalition met with IL Senate President Harmon at his district office to ask for his leadership and support in the Senate.

**March – April 2024:** Series of actions with DREAMers.

**April 1, 2024:** Coalition meets with Congressman Foster to debrief on the state campaign and ask for support for action at the federal level.

**April 4, 2024:** Roundtable with Mayor Johnson.

**April 11, 2024:** The Forum hosts a Springfield Dinner with the Latino Caucus. The coalition asks for the Caucus' full support to make the Work Permits Resolution a legislative priority.

**April 22, 2024:** Work Permit Resolution language is filed – [House Joint Resolution \(HJR\) 69](#).



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**May 2024:** Mayor Brandon Johnson leads [Cities in Action Letter](#).

**May 1, 2024:** Local labor organizations lead May Day Rally.

**May 7-8, 2024:** Latino Unity Day in Springfield raises awareness on HJR 69. WP4A press conference with Latino Caucus in Springfield.

**May 13-17, 2024:** HJR 69 is assigned to the House Labor and Commerce Committee, passes, and is sent to the House floor. HJR 69 passes the House and is adopted, sent to the Senate.

**May 25-26, 2024:** HJR 69 passes the Senate and is adopted in both chambers.

**June 7, 2024:** IL elected officials at all levels call on President Biden to act.

**June 18, 2024:** Biden Announces Executive Order.

