



SENATE PASSES COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM BILL

On June 27, 2013, the Senate passed the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act (S. 744) by a vote of 68 to 32 with bipartisan support. This marks the first time since 2006 that a comprehensive immigration reform bill passed the Senate. The bill contains provisions calling for an increase in border security, more H-1B work visas, a new work visa category for lower skilled works, a reduction in the permanent residence backlog, and many more changes to reform the current legal immigration system. [A summary of the bill provides more information.](#)

The bill now goes to the House of Representatives, where further amendments and negotiations are expected. If the bill passes the House, it will go before President Obama to be signed into law. To express support for sensible, comprehensive immigration reform that addresses the needs of both businesses and families, contact [Congress now](#). Once you have entered your zip code into the legislative advocacy tool, you will be prompted to contact your Representative using either a prepared draft email available in the program, or by entering your own custom text for submission.

As always, FosterQuan will continue to monitor developments on comprehensive immigration reform and will make future updates available via our Immigration Update® bulletins and on our website at www.fosterquan.com.