H.R. 918 "The Social Security Disability Insurance and Unemployment Benefits Double Dip Elimination Act of 2015"

Introduced February 12, 2015 by **Rep. Sam Johnson** (R-TX)

with similar bill introduced in Senate by **Sen. Orrin Hatch** (R-UT)

Provisions and their individual impact on the Trust Fund: For any week, in whole or part, that an individual is paid or determined to be eligible for unemployment compensation, he/she shall be deemed to have engaged in substantial gainful activity and therefore disqualified from receiving disability benefits after a certain time period has elapsed. If such individual engages in trial work that would normally not disqualify him/her from disability benefits, the individual shall be deemed to have rendered services in a month if he/she is entitled to unemployment compensation or trade adjustment assistance for that month.

Overall Fiscal Impact: Enactment of this proposal is projected to reduce OASDI benefit payments by $5.7 billion total between 2015 and 2024 assuming proposal is effective January 1, 2016. It is projected that enactment would reduce the long-range OASDI actuarial deficit by 0.01% of taxable payroll. It is also estimated that Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits would be reduced by $1.2 billion total for 2015-2024 because it is thought that some individuals may forgo UI payments in order to receive disability benefits. Due to the nature of the proposal, there is a substantial degree of uncertainty associated with the projections provided.