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NFAP UNVEILS NEW H-1B STUDIES: The National Foundation for American Policy is out with a pair of new papers this morning criticizing legislative proposals to restrict H-1B visas, reports POLITICO's Alex Byers. The H-1B program, which quickly hits its 65,000-visa cap after employers apply each April, benefited some 26,000 employers in 2015, according to the NFAP's research. Indian based companies submitted only 13 percent of approved visa petitions, the group reports -- a statistic meant to address criticism that Indian outsourcers hog the visas. The NFAP is arguing for a higher H-1B cap.

The NFAP says a bill from Sens. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) and Chuck Grassley (R.-Iowa) would allow the Department of Labor to micromanage human resources policies of American companies, and that a measure proposed by Sens. Ted Cruz (R.-Tx.) and Jeff Sessions (R.-Alabama) would effectively force international students out of the U.S. after graduation. Watch for the papers here, later today: <http://bit.ly/2bd2RDJ>

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