

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
2361 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6515

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Committee on Small Business

FROM: Committee Majority Staff

DATE: February 28, 2025

RE: Full Committee Markup

On **Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 9:45 AM ET**, the Committee on Small Business will meet in room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building to mark up the following measures:

1. **H.R. 1642** – Connecting Small Businesses with Career and Technical Education Graduates Act of 2025
2. **H.R. 789** – Transparency and Predictability in Small Business Opportunities Act
3. **H.R. 787** – Plain Language in Contracting Act
4. **H.R. 1621** – Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Reporting Act of 2025
5. **H.R. 1634** – ThinkDIFFERENTLY About Disability Employment Act
6. **H.R. 1816** – WOSB Accountability Act
7. **H.R. 1804** – 7(a) Loan Agent Oversight Act

Background

1. **H.R. 1642 – Connecting Small Businesses with Career and Technical Education Graduates Act of 2025**

H.R. 1642, the Connecting Small Businesses with Career and Technical Education Graduates Act of 2025, was introduced by Chairman Roger Williams (R-TX) on February 26, 2025. The bill has four cosponsors: Representatives Johnny Olszewski (D-MD), Rob Bresnahan (R-PA), Derek Tran (D-CA), and Tony Wied (R-WI).

H.R. 1642 amends the Small Business Act to add a requirement for Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) and Women’s Business Centers (WBCs) to educate small businesses on identifying career opportunities for graduates of career and technical programs. It also requires SBDCs and WBCs to assist graduates of such programs who want to start a small business of their own.

2. H.R. 789 – Transparency and Predictability in Small Business Opportunities Act

H.R. 789, the Transparency and Predictability in Small Business Opportunities Act, was introduced by Representative George Latimer (D-NY) on January 28, 2025. The bill has two cosponsors: Representatives Mark Alford (R-MO) and Kweisi Mfume (D-MD).

H.R. 789 requires the Small Business Administration (SBA) to promulgate rules directing agencies to disclose information and justify cancelled contract solicitations. This bill also requires agencies to assist small businesses that prepared a bid on those solicitations to identify similar contracting opportunities.

3. H.R. 787 – Plain Language in Contracting Act

H.R. 787, the Plain Language in Contracting Act, was introduced by Representative Nick LaLota (R-NY) on January 29, 2025. The bill currently has two cosponsors: Representatives Derek Tran (D-CA) and Shri Thanedar (D-MI).

H.R. 787 requires agencies to write contract solicitations in a clear, concise, and accessible manner. A Department of Defense only version of this bill was passed in the FY2025 National Defense Authorization Act.

4. H.R. 1621 – Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Reporting Act of 2025

H.R. 1621, the Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Reporting Act of 2025, was introduced by Representative Morgan McGarvey (D-KY) on February 26, 2025. The bill has one cosponsor: Representative Pete Stauber (R-MN).

H.R. 1621 requires the SBA to issue a report to Congress on the barriers entrepreneurs with disabilities face when starting and operating a business within 180 days of the bill's enactment.

5. H.R. 1634 – The ThinkDIFFERENTLY About Disability Employment Act

H.R. 1634, the ThinkDIFFERENTLY About Disability Employment Act, was introduced by Representative Pete Stauber (R-MN) on February 26, 2025. The bill has three cosponsors: Representatives Lateefah Simon (D-CA), Mark Alford (R-MO), and Chris Pappas (D-NH).

H.R. 1634 requires the SBA and National Council on Disability (NCD) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to collaborate on entrepreneurship and employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The bill also requires the agencies to submit a report to Congress on the successes of and opportunities for improvement on activities carried out in the MOU within two years of enactment.

6. H.R. 1816 – WOSB Accountability Act

H.R. 1816, the WOSB Accountability Act, will be introduced by Ranking Member Nydia Velázquez (D-NY). The bill has one cosponsor: Representative Nick LaLota (R-NY).

H.R. 1816 requires the SBA to count only certified women-owned small businesses (WOSB) in the SBA Small Business Procurement Scorecard, removing the incentive to self-certify as a WOSB. This bill addresses one of two statutorily required small business procurement goals to include contracts won by self-certified firms.

7. H.R. 1804 – 7(a) Loan Agent Oversight Act

H.R. 1804, the 7(a) Loan Agent Oversight Act, will be introduced by Representative Dan Meuser (R-PA).

H.R. 1804 requires the Office of Credit Risk Management (OCRM) of the SBA to submit an annual report to Congress regarding the performance, cost, and risks associated with loan agent activity.