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H. R. _____

To amend the Small Business Act to require a report on small business concern participation in a covered contracting programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Oversight and Trans-
5 parency for Small Business Certifications Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN PARTICI-**
2 **PATION IN A COVERED CONTRACTING PRO-**
3 **GRAMS.**

4 Section 10(c) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
5 639(c)) is amended to read as follows:

6 “(c) CERTIFICATION REPORTS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Along with the submission
8 to Congress of the budget of the President for each
9 fiscal year pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31,
10 United States Code, the Administrator shall submit
11 a report on small business concern participation in
12 a covered contracting program during the year cov-
13 ered by the report that includes the following:

14 “(A) The total number of unique small
15 business concerns certified for participation in a
16 covered contracting program.

17 “(B) With respect to applications of small
18 business concerns for participation in a covered
19 contracting program—

20 “(i) the total number of applications
21 for participation that have sufficient infor-
22 mation for the Administrator to issue a
23 certification determination, disaggregated
24 by—

1 “(I) the number of applications
2 certified for each covered contracting
3 program; and

4 “(II) the number of applications
5 for which a determination has not
6 been made for any covered contracting
7 program;

8 “(ii) the number of applications for
9 certification for two or more covered con-
10 tracting programs and the percentage of
11 total applicants that received two or more
12 certifications;

13 “(iii) the number of applications re-
14 ceived through the single, unified platform
15 established by the Administrator for re-
16 ceipt of certification applications; and

17 “(iv) the number of small business
18 concerns certified for participation in a
19 covered contracting program for which
20 such certification documentation is contain
21 in a system other than the platform de-
22 scribed in clause (iii), disaggregated by
23 covered contracting program.

24 “(C) With respect to applications of small
25 business concerns for certification as a small

1 business concern owned and controlled by serv-
2 iced-disabled veterans that have sufficient infor-
3 mation for the Administrator to issue a certifi-
4 cation determination—

5 “(i) the number of applications cer-
6 tified;

7 “(ii) the number of applications de-
8 nied; and

9 “(iii) the number of applications for
10 which a determination has not been made.

11 “(D) With respect to each application of a
12 small business concern for certification as a
13 small business concern owned and controlled by
14 service-disabled veterans, the timeframe be-
15 tween the date of submission of a completed ap-
16 plication and the issuance of a certification or
17 recertification determination, disaggregated
18 by—

19 “(i) the number, expressed as a per-
20 centage, of certification determinations
21 made within the timeframe established by
22 the Administration;

23 “(ii) the average time for a first-time
24 applicant to receive a certification deter-
25 mination; and

1 “(iii) the average time for an appli-
2 cant that is a small business concern
3 owned and controlled by service-disabled
4 veterans to receive a recertification deter-
5 mination.

6 “(E) With respect to applications of small
7 business concerns for certification as a small
8 business concern owned and controlled by
9 women that have sufficient information for the
10 Administrator to issue a certification deter-
11 mination—

12 “(i) the number of applications cer-
13 tified;

14 “(ii) of the applications described in
15 clause (i), the number certified that are eli-
16 gible for award of a sole source contract
17 under section 8(m)(7);

18 “(iii) the number of applications cer-
19 tified that were processed by a national
20 certifying entity described in section
21 8(m)(2)(E);

22 “(iv) the number of applications de-
23 nied; and

24 “(v) the number of applications for
25 which a determination has not been made.

1 “(F) Of the applications described in sub-
2 paragraph (E)(ii), the number of such applica-
3 tions that initially did not include sufficient in-
4 formation for the Administrator to issue a cer-
5 tification determination.

6 “(G) With respect to each application of a
7 small business concern for certification as a
8 small business concern owned and controlled by
9 women, the timeframe between the date of sub-
10 mission of a completed application and the
11 issuance of a certification or recertification de-
12 termination, disaggregated by—

13 “(i) the number, expressed as a per-
14 centage, of certification determinations
15 made within the timeframe established by
16 the Administration;

17 “(ii) the average time for a first-time
18 applicant to receive a certification deter-
19 mination;

20 “(iii) the average time for an appli-
21 cant that is a small business concern
22 owned and controlled by women to receive
23 a recertification determination; and

24 “(iv) the average time for an appli-
25 cant certified by a national certifying enti-

1 ty to receive a determination from the Ad-
2 ministrator, disaggregated by initial certifi-
3 cation applications and recertification ap-
4 plications.

5 “(H) With respect to applications of small
6 business concerns for certification as a qualified
7 HUBZone small business concern that have
8 sufficient information for the Administrator to
9 issue a certification determination—

10 “(i) the number of applications cer-
11 tified;

12 “(ii) the number of applications de-
13 nied; and

14 “(iii) the number of applications for
15 which a determination has not been made.

16 “(I) With respect to each application of a
17 small business concern for certification as a
18 qualified HUBZone small business concern, the
19 timeframe between the date of submission of a
20 completed application and the issuance of a cer-
21 tification or recertification determination,
22 disaggregated by—

23 “(i) the number, expressed as a per-
24 centage, of certification determinations

1 made within the timeframe established by
2 the Administration;

3 “(ii) the average time for a first-time
4 applicant to receive a certification deter-
5 mination; and

6 “(iii) the average time for an appli-
7 cant that is a qualified HUBZone small
8 business concern to receive a recertification
9 determination.

10 “(2) COVERED CONTRACTING PROGRAM DE-
11 FINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘covered con-
12 tracting program’ means contracting assistance pro-
13 vided by the Administrator under following:

14 “(A) Section 8(a).

15 “(B) Section 8(m).

16 “(C) Section 31.

17 “(D) Section 36.”.