To amend the Small Business Act to require a report on small business concerns owned and controlled by women, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 2022

Ms. HOULAHAN (for herself and Ms. TENNEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

MAY 17, 2022

Reported from the Committee on Small Business; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed
A BILL

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Women-Owned Small
Business Program Transparency Act” or the “WOSB
Program Transparency Act”.

SEC. 2. REPORT ON SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED
AND CONTROLLED BY WOMEN.

(a) In General.—Section 8(m) of the Small Busi-
ness Act (15 U.S.C. 637(m)) is amended by adding at the
end the following new paragraph:

“(9) REPORT.—Not later than May 1, 2023,
and annually thereafter, the Administrator shall sub-
mit to the Committee on Small Business of the
House of Representatives and the Committee on
Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate
a report on small business concerns owned and con-
trolled by women. Such report shall include, for the
fiscal year preceding the date of the report, the fol-
lowing:

“(A) The total number of concerns cer-
tified as small business concerns owned and
controlled by women, disaggregated by the
number of concerns certified by—

“(i) the Administrator; or
“(ii) a national certifying entity approved by the Administrator.

“(B) The amount of fees, if any, charged by each national certifying entity for such certification.

“(C) The total dollar amount and total percentage of prime contracts awarded to small business concerns owned and controlled by women pursuant to paragraph (2) or pursuant to a waiver granted under paragraph (3).

“(D) The total dollar amount and total percentage of prime contracts awarded to small business concerns owned and controlled by women pursuant to paragraphs (7) and (8).

“(E) With respect to a contract incorrectly awarded pursuant to this subsection because it was awarded based on an industry in which small business concerns owned and controlled by women are not underrepresented—

“(i) the number of such contracts;

“(ii) the Federal agencies that issued such contracts; and

“(iii) any steps taken by Administrator to train the personnel of such Fed-
eral agency on the use of the authority provided under this subsection.

“(F) With respect to an examination described in paragraph (5)(B)—

“(i) the number of examinations due because of recertification requirements and the actual number of such examinations conducted; and

“(ii) the number of examinations conducted for any other reason.

“(G) The number of small business concerns owned and controlled by women that were found to be ineligible to be awarded a contract under this subsection as a result of an examination conducted pursuant to paragraph (5)(B) or failure to request an examination pursuant to section 127.400 of title 13, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor rule).

“(H) The number of small business concerns owned and controlled by women that were decertified.

“(I) Any other information the Administrator determines necessary.”.
(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 8(m)(2)(C) of the Small Business Act is amended by striking “paragraph (3)” and inserting “paragraph (4)”. 
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