

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 4670, With an Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4670

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 2023

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

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Small Business Con-  
3 tracting Transparency Act of 2023”.

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

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

9 “(9) REPORT.—Not later than May 1, 2024,  
10 and annually thereafter, the Administrator shall sub-  
11 mit to the Committee on Small Business of the  
12 House of Representatives and the Committee on  
13 Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate  
14 a report on small business concerns owned and con-  
15 trolled by women. Such report shall include, for the  
16 fiscal year preceding the date of the report, the fol-  
17 lowing:

18 “(A) The number of applications for cer-  
19 tification as a small business concern owned  
20 and controlled by women that have sufficient  
21 information for the Administrator to make a  
22 certification determination, disaggregated by—

23 “(i) the number of applications cer-  
24 tified;

25 “(ii) the number of applications de-  
26 nied; and

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

3                   “(B) The number of concerns certified as  
4                   small business concerns owned and controlled  
5                   by women by a national certifying entity ap-  
6                   proved by the Administrator.

7                   “(C) The amount of fees, if any, charged  
8                   by each national certifying entity for such cer-  
9                   tification.

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

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

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

24                                   “(i) the number of such contracts;

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

3 “(iii) any steps taken by Adminis-  
4 trator to train the personnel of such Fed-  
5 eral agency on the use of the authority  
6 provided under this subsection.

7 “(G) With respect to an examination de-  
8 scribed in paragraph (5)(B)—

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

13 “(ii) the number of examinations con-  
14 ducted for any other reason.

15 “(H) The number of small business con-  
16 cerns owned and controlled by women that were  
17 found to be ineligible to be awarded a contract  
18 under this subsection as a result of an examina-  
19 tion conducted pursuant to paragraph (5)(B) or  
20 failure to request an examination pursuant to  
21 section 127.400 of title 13, Code of Federal  
22 Regulations (or a successor rule).

23 “(I) The number of small business con-  
24 cerns owned and controlled by women that were  
25 decertified.

1           “(J) The total number of small business  
2           concerns owned and controlled by women.

3           “(K) Any other information the Adminis-  
4           trator determines necessary.”.

5           (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 8(m)(2)(C)  
6 of the Small Business Act is amended by striking “para-  
7 graph (3)” and inserting “paragraph (4)”.

8 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED**  
9 **AND CONTROLLED BY QUALIFIED HUBZONE**  
10 **SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.**

11           Section 31 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
12 657a) is amended—

13           (1) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-  
14           section (g); and

15           (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-  
16           lowing new subsection:

17           “(f) REPORT.—Not later than May 1, 2024, and an-  
18           nually thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to the  
19           Committee on Small Business of the House of Representa-  
20           tives and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepre-  
21           neurship of the Senate a report on HUBZone small busi-  
22           ness concerns. Such report shall include, for the fiscal year  
23           preceding the date of the report, the following:

24           “(1) The number of applications for certifi-  
25           cation as a qualified HUBZone small business con-

1           cern that have sufficient information for the Admin-  
2           istrator to make a certification determination,  
3           disaggregated by—

4                   “(A) the number of applications certified;

5                   “(B) the number of applications denied;

6           and

7                   “(C) the number of applications for which  
8           a determination has not been made.

9           “(2) The total dollar amount and total percent-  
10          age of prime contracts awarded to qualified  
11          HUBZone small business concerns pursuant to this  
12          section.

13           “(3) The total dollar amount and percent of  
14          sole source contracts awarded to qualified HUBZone  
15          small business concerns under subsection (c)(2)(A).

16           “(4) With respect to an examination described  
17          in subsection (d)(5)—

18                   “(A) the number of examinations due be-  
19                  cause of recertification requirements and the  
20                  actual number of such examinations conducted;  
21                  and

22                   “(B) the number of examinations con-  
23                  ducted for any other reason.

24           “(5) The number of HUBZone small business  
25          concerns that were found to be ineligible to be

1 awarded a contract under this subsection as a result  
2 of an examination conducted pursuant to subsection  
3 (d)(5) or a verification conducted pursuant to sub-  
4 section (d)(2).

5 “(6) The number of small business concerns  
6 that were decertified as qualified HUBZone small  
7 business concerns.

8 “(7) The number of qualified HUBZone small  
9 business concerns.

10 “(8) Any other information the Administrator  
11 determines necessary.”

12 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED**  
13 **AND CONTROLLED BY SERVICE-DISABLED**  
14 **VETERANS.**

15 Section 36 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
16 657f) is amended by adding at the end the following new  
17 subsection:

18 “(j) REPORT.—Not later than May 1, 2024, and an-  
19 nually thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to the  
20 Committee on Small Business of the House of Representa-  
21 tives and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepre-  
22 neurship of the Senate a report on small business concerns  
23 owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans. Such  
24 report shall include, for the fiscal year preceding the date  
25 of the report, the following:

1           “(1) The total number of small business con-  
2           cerns certified as small business concerns owned and  
3           controlled by service-disabled veterans.

4           “(2) The total dollar amount and total percent-  
5           age of prime contracts awarded to small business  
6           concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled  
7           veterans pursuant to this section.

8           “(3) The total dollar amount and percent of  
9           sole source contracts awarded to owned and con-  
10          trolled by service-disabled veterans pursuant to sub-  
11          section (c).

12          “(4) With respect to an examination described  
13          in subsection (h)(2)—

14                 “(A) the number of examinations due be-  
15                 cause of recertification requirements and the  
16                 actual number of such examinations conducted;  
17                 and

18                 “(B) the number of examinations con-  
19                 ducted for any other reason.

20          “(5) The number of small business concerns  
21          owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans  
22          that were found to be ineligible to be awarded a con-  
23          tract under this subsection as a result of an exam-  
24          ination conducted pursuant to subsection (h)(2).



1           “(6) The number of small business concerns de-  
2 certified as small business concerns owned and con-  
3 trolled by service-disabled veterans.

4           “(7) The total number of small business con-  
5 cerns owned and controlled by service-disabled vet-  
6 erans.

7           “(8) Any other information the Administrator  
8 determines necessary.”.

9 **SEC. 5. COMPLIANCE WITH CUTGO.**

10       No additional amounts are authorized to be appro-  
11 priated to carry out this Act or the amendments made  
12 by this Act.