

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 7396, With an Amendment**

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

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 7396

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2026

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas (for herself, Mr. ELLZEY, Ms. MORRISON, and Mr. CRANE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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## A BILL

To establish an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

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 “Native American En-  
5 trepreneurial Opportunity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS.**

7 The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is  
8 amended—

1           (1) by redesignating section 49 (15 U.S.C. 631  
2           note) as section 50; and

3           (2) by inserting after section 48 (15 U.S.C.  
4           657u) the following:

5   **“SEC. 49. OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS.**

6           “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7           “(1) ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR.—The term  
8           ‘Assistant Administrator’ means the Assistant Ad-  
9           ministrators for Native American Affairs appointed  
10          under subsection (c).

11          “(2) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’  
12          has the meaning given the term ‘Indian tribe’ in sec-  
13          tion 8(a)(13).

14          “(3) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The  
15          term ‘Native Hawaiian Organization’ has the mean-  
16          ing given the term in section 8(a)(15).

17          “(4) OFFICE.—The term ‘Office’ means the Of-  
18          fice of Native American Affairs described in this sec-  
19          tion.

20          “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

21          “(1) IN GENERAL.—There may be established  
22          within the Administration the Office of Native  
23          American Affairs, which shall be responsible for es-  
24          tablishing a working relationship with Indian Tribes  
25          and Native Hawaiian Organizations by targeting

1 programs of the Administration relating to entrepre-  
2 neurial development, contracting, and capital access  
3 to—

4 “(A) establish or expand small business  
5 concerns owned and controlled by individuals  
6 who are members of Indian Tribes or Native  
7 Hawaiian Organizations; and

8 “(B) promote economic development in In-  
9 dian country (as defined in section 1151 of title  
10 18, United States Code).

11 “(2) CONNECTION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS.—  
12 To the extent reasonable, the Office shall educate  
13 Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations  
14 about programs administered by other Federal agen-  
15 cies related to the interests described in paragraph  
16 (1).

17 “(c) ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR.—The Office shall  
18 be headed by an Assistant Administrator for Native Amer-  
19 ican Affairs, who shall—

20 “(1) be appointed by and report to the Admin-  
21 istrator;

22 “(2) have knowledge of Native American cul-  
23 tures and experience providing culturally tailored  
24 small business development assistance to Native  
25 Americans;

1           “(3) provide assistance to Indian Tribes and  
2           Native Hawaiian Organizations and small business  
3           concerns owned and controlled by individuals who  
4           are members of Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian  
5           Organizations;

6           “(4) formulate policies, and promote policies  
7           and existing programs, to better address the entre-  
8           preneurial, capital access, business development, and  
9           contracting needs of persons described in paragraph  
10          (3);

11          “(5) collaborate with Associate Administrators  
12          within the Administration and officials of other Fed-  
13          eral agencies to develop policies and plans to imple-  
14          ment programs of the Administration to holistically  
15          address the needs described in paragraph (4);

16          “(6) provide assistance, including grants, con-  
17          tracts, cooperative agreements, or other financial as-  
18          sistance, to Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian Or-  
19          ganizations, or to private nonprofit organizations  
20          governed by members of Indian Tribes or Native  
21          Hawaiian Organizations that have the experience  
22          and capability to use the assistance to—

23                  “(A) deploy training, counseling, work-  
24                  shops, educational outreach, and supplier  
25                  events; and

1           “(B) access the entrepreneurial, capital,  
2           and contracting programs of the Administra-  
3           tion;

4           “(7) assist the Administrator in conducting, or  
5           conduct, Tribal consultation to solicit input and fa-  
6           cilitate discussion of potential modifications to pro-  
7           grams and procedures of the Administration; and

8           “(8) recommend annual budgets for the Office.

9           “(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—On an annual basis  
10          until the termination date, the Assistant Administrator  
11          shall submit to Congress a report on the effectiveness of  
12          the Office of Native American Affairs that includes the  
13          number of clients served in Tribal communities, the num-  
14          ber of consultations conducted, and the number of  
15          trainings held in Tribal country.

16          “(e) TERMINATION.—The authority under this sec-  
17          tion shall terminate 7 years after the date of the enact-  
18          ment of this section.”.