

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: April 16, 2024

RE: Full Committee Markup

On **Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 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. 7984** – The Rural Small Business Resilience Act
2. **H.R. 5333** – The Investing in All of America Act of 2023
3. **H.R. 8014** – The Transparency and Predictability in Small Business Opportunities Act
4. **H.R. 7987** – The Plain Language in Contracting Act
5. **H.R. 7988** – The Small Business Procurement and Utilization Reform (SPUR) Act of 2024
6. **H.R. 7985** – The Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Reporting Act of 2024
7. **H.R. 7989** – The ThinkDIFFERENTLY About Disability Employment Act

Background

1. H.R. 7984 – The Rural Small Business Resilience Act

The legislation requires the SBA to target outreach and marketing materials to rural communities following a disaster that impacts such communities. This will ensure that individuals in rural communities have full access to the SBA’s resources when they need them.

2. H.R. 5333 – The Investing in All of America Act of 2023

This bill was introduced on September 1, 2023, by Reps. Meuser and Scholten. It increases the Small Business Investment Company (SBIC) licensee commitment levels by a factor of inflation and provides additional leverage to licensees when committing to invest in smaller enterprises in underserved areas—specifically in rural areas and areas of critical national defense technologies.

The bill directs no new spending and no new mandates to continue operating as a zero subsidy program.

3. H.R. 8014 – The Transparency and Predictability in Small Business Opportunities Act

This bill requires the SBA to promulgate rules to require agencies to share information on actions related to cancelled contract solicitations and to assist small businesses that prepared a bid on those solicitations.

4. H.R. 7987 – The Plain Language in Contracting Act

This bill requires agencies to write contract solicitations in clear, concise, and accessible way, and to the extent practicable, in a manner consistent with the Federal plain language guidelines.

5. H.R. 7988 – The Small Business Procurement and Utilization Reform (SPUR) Act of 2024

This bill requires agencies and the SBA to consider the number of small businesses winning a federal prime contract for the first time when determining agency grades in the SBA Scorecard, and comparing that to the previous year.

6. H.R. 7985 – The Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Reporting Act of 2024

The legislation requires the SBA to issue a report to Congress within 180 days on the challenges facing entrepreneurs with disabilities when starting and operating a business.

7. H.R. 7989 – The ThinkDIFFERENTLY About Disability Employment Act

The legislation requires the SBA and National Council on Disability to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) requiring the two agencies to collaborate on entrepreneurship and employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The bill also requires a report on the successes of and opportunities for improvement within the MOU within two years of enactment.