

S 1154

Women's Small Business Programs Improvement Act of 2003

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** May 23, 2003

**Current Status:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9052)

**Latest Action:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9052) (Jul 8, 2003)

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** ME • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bond, Christopher S. [R-MO]	R · MO		May 23, 2003
Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]	R · MT		May 23, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 23, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Women's Small Business Programs Improvement Act of 2003 - Amends the Small Business Act to add specified responsibilities of the Assistant Administrator of the Office of Women's Business Ownership (Office), including the development of programs and services for women-owned businesses that provide goods or services in the areas of manufacturing, technology, professional services, travel and tourism, international trade, and Federal Government contract business development.

Authorizes the Small Business Administration (SBA) to award Women's Business Center grants for three-year projects for the benefit of small businesses owned and controlled by women. Sets forth provisions concerning: (1) contract authority; (2) a matching funds requirement; and (3) application requirements, including submission of a three-year plan for grant use.

Amends the Women's Business Ownership Act of 1988 to authorize the National Women's Business Council to enter into cosponsorship agreements with public and private entities to carry out its duties. Establishes within the Council the Committee on: (1) Manufacturing, Technology, and Professional Services; (2) Travel, Tourism, and International Trade; and (3) Federal Procurement and Contracting. Establishes subcommittees with the same names within the Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise, as well as a Policy Advisory Group. Requires the Deputy SBA Administrator to serve during vacancies in the position of chairperson of the Interagency Committee.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 8, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S9052)
- **May 23, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 23, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S7149-7150)
- **May 23, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7150-7152)