

## HR 1838

To amend the Small Business Act to modify certain provisions relating to women's business centers, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Apr 1, 2009

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneur

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (Nov 9, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/1838>

### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** OK • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Apr 1, 2009
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Apr 1, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 9, 2009
Small Business Committee	House	Reported by	Apr 30, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 2352	Text similarities	May 21, 2009: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Amends the Small Business Act relating to the women's business centers program to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA) to: (1) disburse funds to a women's business center (center) no later than one month after its application is approved; (2) annually publish on the SBA website information on the financing of each center; (3) establish a standardized process to communicate with centers regarding program administration matters; and (4) notify each center of the opportunity for notice and comment on proposed program rules.

Replaces the five-year projects for the benefit of small businesses owned and controlled by women with a three-tiered program of five-year (first tier), three-year (second tier), and three-year (third tier) projects, with each tier commencing after the previous tier is being completed. Allows the maximum award of assistance (\$150,000) for first-tier projects that possess the capacity to train existing or potential business owners in the fields of green technology, clean technology, or energy efficiency. Revises matching funds requirements for all projects. Authorizes appropriations.

Directs the SBA to: (1) establish center performance measures; and (2) require each center to submit an annual funding and strategies plan.

Amends the Women's Business Ownership Act of 1988 to require the National Women's Business Council to perform studies of: (1) the impact of the 2008-2009 financial markets crisis on women-owned businesses; and (2) the use of SBA programs by women-owned businesses. Authorizes appropriations for the Council for FY2010-FY2011.

Includes under criteria for the selection of project participants whether the applicant has the capacity to train existing or potential business owners in the fields of green technology, clean technology, or energy efficiency.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Nov 9, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- **Nov 7, 2009:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H12595-12596)
- **Nov 7, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 428 - 4 (Roll no. 877). (text: CR 11/6/2009 H12469-12470)
- **Nov 7, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 428 - 4 (Roll no. 877). (text: CR 11/6/2009 H12469-12470)
- **Nov 7, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 6, 2009:** Ms. Velazquez moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 6, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H12469-12471)
- **Nov 6, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1838.
- **Nov 6, 2009:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Ms. Velazquez objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **May 13, 2009:** Provisions of Measure Incorporated into H.R. 2352.
- **Apr 30, 2009:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 30, 2009:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Apr 1, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 1, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Rural Development, Entrepreneurship and Trade.
- **Apr 1, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.