

## S 2172

### Fairness in Women-Owned Small Business Contracting Act of 2012

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Mar 7, 2012

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (text of measure as

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1462) (Mar 7, 2012)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-bill/2172>

### Sponsor

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

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

### Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 7, 2012
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Mar 7, 2012
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		Mar 7, 2012
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 7, 2012
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Mar 7, 2012
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 7, 2012
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Mar 12, 2012
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 18, 2012
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Apr 24, 2012
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 25, 2012
Sen. Brown, Scott P. [R-MA]	R · MA		Sep 13, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 7, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 3442	Related bill	Nov 29, 2012: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held.

Fairness in Women-Owned Small Business Contracting Act of 2012 - Amends the Small Business Act with respect to the procurement program for women-owned small businesses (providing a federal procurement contracting preference to such businesses) to: (1) remove the requirement that the woman or women owning such business be economically disadvantaged, (2) remove contract award price limits, and (3) allow a contracting officer to award a sole source contract to such a business under the same conditions as such a contract may be awarded to a qualified HUBZone (historically underutilized business zone) small business.

Directs the Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA) to: (1) periodically conduct a study to identify any U.S. industry in which women are underrepresented; and (2) every five years, report study results to the congressional small business committees.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 7, 2012:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 7, 2012:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1462)
- **Mar 7, 2012:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1462)