

HR 2670

Microloan Modernization Act of 2015

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Radewagen, Aumua Amata Coleman [R-AS-At Large]	R · AS		Jun 9, 2015
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Jun 9, 2015
Rep. Takai, Mark [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jun 9, 2015
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jun 9, 2015
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jun 15, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 14, 2015
Small Business Committee	House	Reported By	Jun 25, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1857	Related bill	Sep 15, 2015: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 224.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House reported version is repeated here.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Small Business Act with respect to the rule under the Small Business Administration (SBA) Microloan Program (assisting low-income individuals to start and operate a small business) that permits SBA-designated microloan intermediary lenders to expend up to 25% of the grant funds they receive from the SBA to provide information and technical assistance to small businesses that are their prospective borrowers.

The SBA must establish a process by which these microloan intermediaries may apply for, and the SBA may grant, a waiver of this 25/75 allocation.

This rule shall require any waiver applicant to:

- specify how it will use the additional technical assistance, and
- make assurances that the intermediary will have sufficient funds to provide technical assistance to all of the intermediary's borrowers.

(Sec. 3) The total amount of loans outstanding and committed to any particular intermediary (excluding outstanding grants) from the SBA business loan and investment fund is increased from \$5 million to \$6 million for the remaining years of the intermediary's participation in the program.

(Sec. 4) The SBA may not impose limitations on the repayment term of a loan by an intermediary to a small business or entrepreneur. This repayment term, however, may not exceed:

- 6 years for a loan of \$10,000 or less, or
- 10 years for a loan greater than \$10,000.

(Sec. 5) An eligible intermediary may include lines of credit among the short-term, fixed rate loans it makes to startup, newly established, and growing small businesses from SBA funds made available to the intermediary for working capital and the acquisition of materials, supplies, furniture, fixtures, and equipment.

(Sec. 6) The Government Accountability Office shall:

- compare the operations of a representative sample of eligible intermediaries that participate in the microloan program and of eligible intermediaries that do not,
- study the reasons why the latter do not participate,
- recommend how to encourage increased participation by intermediaries in the microloan program, and
- recommend how to decrease the associated costs for intermediary participation.

(Sec. 7) The SBA Office of Advocacy shall report to Congress on the economic impact of a mandatory savings requirement on businesses eligible to participate in the microloan program, including on the benefits and costs of such a requirement, and make implementing recommendations.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 14, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- **Jul 13, 2015:** Mr. Chabot moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jul 13, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5099-5101)
- **Jul 13, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2670.
- **Jul 13, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5099)
- **Jul 13, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5099)
- **Jul 13, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 25, 2015:** Reported by the Committee on Small Business. H. Rept. 114-188.
- **Jun 25, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 140.
- **Jun 10, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 10, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 4, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 4, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.