

## S 958

Small Business Fairness Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

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**Current Status:** By Senator Vitter from Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship filed written report. Report

**Latest Action:** By Senator Vitter from Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship filed written report. Report No. 114-288. (Jun 28, 2016)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Apr 15, 2015

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 10, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1481	Related bill	<b>Apr 19, 2016:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 390.
114 HR 1735	Related bill	<b>Oct 22, 2015:</b> Vetoed by President.
114 HR 1390	Related bill	<b>Mar 17, 2015:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

## **Small Business Fairness Act**

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Small Business Act to revise requirements with respect to solicitation of offers for bundled contracts issued by the head of a federal agency that allows a small business to submit an offer (bid) that provides for the use of a particular team of subcontractors for the performance of the contract.

The small business may now also bid on a bundled or consolidated contract that provides for the use of a joint venture of small businesses.

The Small Business Administration (SBA), with respect to either a single or a multiple contract award, must evaluate teams and joint ventures of small business concerns by considering their prior experience and past performance as well as (according to current law) their capabilities.

For certain federal procurement contracts awarded to a team of small business prime contractors and subcontractors or a joint venture of small businesses, the contracting officer must certify annually to the SBA, for each year the contract is in effect, that each small business member of the team or joint venture has the same status of a small business, small business owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, qualified HUBZone small business, small business owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, or small business owned and controlled by women, as applicable, that it had at the time the contract was awarded.

This requirement shall not apply to a contract awarded to a joint venture of small businesses that is a protege under a SBA approved mentor-protege program.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 28, 2016:** By Senator Vitter from Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship filed written report. Report No. 114-288.
- **Jun 10, 2015:** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Reported by Senator Vitter with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Jun 10, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 106.
- **Apr 23, 2015:** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 15, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.