

## S 1961

### SBIR and STTR Oversight and Pilot Program Extension Act of 2018

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Oct 16, 2017

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

**Latest Action:** By Senator Risch from Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship filed written report. Report No. 115-450. (Dec 20, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1961>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

| Cosponsor                    | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]  | D · NH        |      | Oct 16, 2017 |
| Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL] | D · IL        |      | Jun 5, 2018  |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee | Senate  | Reported By | Mar 19, 2018 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## SBIR and STTR Oversight and Pilot Program Extension Act of 2018

This bill amends the Small Business Act to extend through FY2018 pilot programs under the Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR) and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program (STTR), specifically:

- phase flexibility that allows, under specified conditions, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Department of Defense, and the Department of Education to each provide a small business award under Phase II (research and development) of the SBIR program for a project whether or not the business was provided an award under Phase I (proof of concept);
- awards for technology development, testing, evaluation, and commercialization assistance for SBIR and STTR Phase II technologies or to support the progress of research, research and development, and commercialization conducted under SBIR or STTR programs to Phase III (commercialization);
- the NIH Phase 0 Proof of Concept Partnership to accelerate the creation of small businesses and the commercialization of research innovations from qualifying institutions; and
- the authority of the Small Business Administration (SBA) to allow federal agencies to use up to 3% of SBIR program funds for administrative, oversight, and contract processing costs.

The SBA shall establish the Regional SBIR State Collaborative Initiative Pilot Program to provide awards to specified regional collaboratives to address the needs of small businesses in order to:

- be more competitive in the proposal and selection process for SBIR and STTR program awards, and
- increase technology transfer and commercialization.

### Actions Timeline

---

- **Dec 20, 2018:** By Senator Risch from Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship filed written report. Report No. 115-450.
- **Mar 19, 2018:** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Reported by Senator Risch with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Mar 19, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 349.
- **Mar 14, 2018:** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Oct 16, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 16, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.