HR 5178

Puerto Rico Small Business Contracting Assistance Act of 2018

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business Committee	House	Reported By	Apr 10, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5515	Related bill	**Aug 13, 2018:** Became Public Law No: 115-232.
115 HR 5929	Related bill	**May 23, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
115 HR 2429	Related bill	**May 22, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 HR 2488	Related bill	**May 17, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

Summary (as of Mar 6, 2018)

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This bill amends the Small Business Act to double for four years after its enactment the value of a prime contract awarded by a federal agency to a small business with its principle office in Puerto Rico in order to comply with the Act's governmentwide goal for small businesses' participation to be at least 23% of the total value of all prime contract awards for each fiscal year during such period.

Beginning on enactment of this bill and until the termination of the Financial Oversight and Management Board, the Small Business Administration (SBA):

- may transfer technology or surplus property to a Puerto Rico business if it meets SBA requirements for such transfer, without regard to whether the business is a small business and capital ownership development program participant; and
- shall identify potential incentives to a covered mentor that awards a subcontract to its covered protege (i.e., positive consideration in any past performance evaluation of such mentor, the application of costs incurred for providing training to the protege to the mentor's subcontracting plan, and such other SBA incentives).

The bill requires the SBA to allow up to two additional mentor-protege relationships for protege firms that are Puerto Rico businesses. (Currently, the limit on SBA mentor-protege relationships is three.)

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 10, 2018:** Reported by the Committee on Small Business. H. Rept. 115-628.
- **Apr 10, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 481.
- **Mar 14, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 14, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 6, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 6, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

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