

HR 5480

Women's Entrepreneurship and Economic Empowerment Act of 2018

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: International Affairs

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Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (Jul 18, 2018)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/5480>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-39]

Party: Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Apr 12, 2018
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Apr 16, 2018
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Apr 16, 2018
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Apr 23, 2018
Rep. Garrett, Thomas A., Jr. [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Apr 23, 2018
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Apr 23, 2018
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Apr 23, 2018
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Jun 8, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Reported By	Jun 8, 2018
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 18, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3247	Related bill	Jan 9, 2019: Became Public Law No: 115-428.

Summary (as of Apr 12, 2018)

Women's Entrepreneurship and Economic Empowerment Act of 2018

This bill requires the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to ensure that gender equality and female empowerment considerations are integrated into its strategies, projects, and activities.

The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is amended to expand USAID microenterprise assistance authorities to include programs for small and medium-sized enterprises, particularly those that serve and are owned and managed by women.

The bill revises requirements for the measurement of poverty levels by implementing partners. It also authorizes the establishment of a USAID office to support efforts to broaden local financial markets and support the development of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises.

The Government Accountability Office shall report to Congress on USAID assistance for such enterprises.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 18, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Jul 17, 2018:** Mr. Royce (CA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 17, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6333-6337)
- **Jul 17, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 5480.
- **Jul 17, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6333-6335)
- **Jul 17, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6333-6335)
- **Jul 17, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 8, 2018:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Foreign Affairs. H. Rept. 115-718.
- **Jun 8, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 553.
- **Apr 17, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 17, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 17, 2018:** Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules, by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 12, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 12, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.