

## HR 190

Expanding Contracting Opportunities for Small Businesses Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Jan 3, 2019

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (Jan 17, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/190>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Marshall, Roger [R-KS-1]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

| Cosponsor                               | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10] | D · IL        |      | Jan 3, 2019  |
| Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]             | D · CA        |      | Jan 14, 2019 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jan 17, 2019 |
| Small Business Committee                      | House   | Referred To | Jan 3, 2019  |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

### Related Bills

| Bill      | Relationship | Last Action                                                                                                             |
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| 116 S 673 | Related bill | <b>Jun 12, 2019:</b> Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-284. |

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This bill eliminates the inclusion of option years in the award price for certain sole source contracts (i.e., contracts awarded without a competitive process). Under current law, option years in the award price for such contracts limit their dollar award threshold.

Specifically, the bill revises requirements for the award of these contracts to (1) qualified Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) small businesses, (2) small businesses owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, (3) economically disadvantaged small businesses owned and controlled by women, and (4) small businesses owned and controlled by women in substantially underrepresented industries.

The Government Accountability Office must evaluate the policies and practices used by the Small Business Administration and other federal agencies to ensure that contracting officers are properly classifying sole source contracts under procurement programs for businesses owned by women and disabled veterans in the Federal Procurement Data System.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 17, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- **Jan 16, 2019:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H626)
- **Jan 16, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 415 - 6 (Roll no. 36).(text: CR 1/14/2019 H528-529)
- **Jan 16, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 415 - 6 (Roll no. 36). (text: CR 1/14/2019 H528-529)
- **Jan 16, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 14, 2019:** Ms. Velazquez moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jan 14, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H528-531)
- **Jan 14, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 190.
- **Jan 14, 2019:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.