

HR 206

Encouraging Small Business Innovation Act

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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 15, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Rouda, Harley [D-CA-48]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2019
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 15, 2019
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill expands and otherwise revises certain requirements for Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs. Specifically, it includes small business investment companies (SBICs) in such programs.

SBICs are included as a type of investor whose investment must be considered for various purposes under the programs.

The bill requires the Small Business Administration (SBA), when calculating the outstanding leverage of an SBIC, to exclude investments made in SBIR and STTR participants. Under current law, SBICs are subject to a limit on their outstanding leverage.

Finally, the bill (1) encourages participation in the SBA mentor-protege program by past small business SBIR and STTR program participants and (2) sets forth provisions to increase participation of states to which a low level of SBIR awards have historically been awarded.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 15, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- **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 H526-528)
- **Jan 14, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 206.
- **Jan 14, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H526)
- **Jan 14, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H526)
- **Jan 14, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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