

HR 4405

Women's Business Centers Improvements Act of 2019

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Sep 19, 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. (Oct 22, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]

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

Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Hagedorn, Jim [R-MN-1]	R · MN		Sep 19, 2019
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Sep 25, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Sep 25, 2019
Rep. Houlihan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Sep 25, 2019
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Oct 4, 2019
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 15, 2019
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Oct 15, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Oct 15, 2019
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Oct 16, 2019
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Oct 16, 2019
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Oct 16, 2019
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Oct 16, 2019
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Oct 16, 2019
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Oct 16, 2019
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Oct 16, 2019
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Oct 16, 2019
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Oct 17, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 22, 2019
Small Business Committee	House	Reported By	Oct 17, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 21, 2019)

Women's Business Centers Improvements Act of 2019

This bill reauthorizes the Women's Business Center Program through FY2023, raises the cap on individual center grants, establishes an accreditation program for grant recipients, and revises the duties of the Office of Women's Business Ownership.

Specifically, the bill modifies the Women's Business Center Program to enable the Small Business Administration (SBA) to provide initial and continuation grants to eligible entities to operate women's business centers for the benefit of women-owned small businesses. An entity must agree to obtain matching, non-federal funds, and the SBA must (1) ensure an applicant has sufficient resources to provide the services for which the grant is being made, and (2) conduct an annual compliance review. The SBA must also publish standards for a program to accredit entities that receive grants from the Women's Business Center Program, and such entities' receipt of continuation grants shall be contingent upon their obtaining accreditation.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 22, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- **Oct 21, 2019:** Ms. Velazquez moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Oct 21, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8268-8274)
- **Oct 21, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4405.
- **Oct 21, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8268-8272)
- **Oct 21, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8268-8272)
- **Oct 21, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 17, 2019:** Reported by the Committee on Small Business. H. Rept. 116-239.
- **Oct 17, 2019:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 190.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 25, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 19, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 19, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.