

HR 6133

STEP Improvement Act of 2020

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Mar 9, 2020

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

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (Sep 15, 2020)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6133>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Finkenauer, Abby [D-IA-1]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Spano, Ross [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Mar 9, 2020
Rep. Hagedorn, Jim [R-MN-1]	R · MN		Mar 11, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 15, 2020
Small Business Committee	House	Markup By	Mar 11, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill reauthorizes through FY2024 the Small Business Administration's (SBA) State Trade Expansion Program, which provides foreign trade assistance to small businesses, and it revises provisions related to the administration of the program.

Specifically, the SBA must establish a time frame for, and provide certain information related to, the application process, and it must conduct an annual survey to solicit feedback on the program. The SBA must collect data on certain performance metrics such as the (1) total number of small businesses assisted by the program, (2) total dollar amount of export sales by participating small businesses, and (3) number of small businesses that have created new jobs through their participation in the program.

The bill also requires applicants for participation to include a budget plan that outlines their intended use of funds awarded under the program.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 15, 2020:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- **Sep 14, 2020:** Ms. Velazquez moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 14, 2020:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4341-4344)
- **Sep 14, 2020:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6133.
- **Sep 14, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Sep 14, 2020:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4341-4342)
- **Sep 14, 2020:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 11, 2020:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 11, 2020:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 9, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 9, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.