

## HR 6869

Minority Business Resiliency Act of 2020

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Aug 11, 2020
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Oct 2, 2020
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Dec 10, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	May 14, 2020
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	May 14, 2020
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	May 14, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4208	Related bill	<b>Jul 2, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## **Minority Business Resiliency Act of 2020**

This bill permanently authorizes the Minority Business Development Agency and provides funding for the agency to assist minority businesses affected by COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

The agency shall award grants to certain private, nonprofit organizations that (1) primarily provide services to minority businesses (e.g., education or making grants), and (2) are unable to pay financial obligations such as payroll. Such organizations must also be unable to engage in the same level of fundraising as the preceding year due to effects of COVID-19. The agency must give priority to recipients that will use grant funds for purposes that include (1) providing paid sick leave to employees unable to work because of COVID-19, (2) making payroll payments to retain employees, or (3) repaying obligations they cannot satisfy because of revenue losses due to COVID-19.

The agency must also conduct outreach to its business center network to provide guidance regarding other federal programs that are available to support minority businesses. The head of the agency shall be a member of the interagency Small Business Procurement Advisory Council.

The agency must report on its activity and make recommendations for actions to promote its purposes, and the Government Accountability Office must review and report on the effectiveness of agency programs, any failure by a grant recipient to comply with its requirements, and recommendations for program improvement.

The amounts provided by the bill are designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO) and the Senate PAYGO rule.

### **Actions Timeline**

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