

## S 4863

### Women's Business Centers Improvement Act of 2022

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Sep 15, 2022

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (Sep 15, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/4863>

### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		Sep 15, 2022
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 15, 2022
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Sep 15, 2022
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Sep 15, 2022
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 27, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 15, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 5220	Related bill	<b>Dec 8, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
117 HR 6441	Related bill	<b>Apr 27, 2022:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

## **Women's Business Centers Improvement Act of 2022**

This bill reauthorizes the Women's Business Center Program through FY2026, 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. 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**

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