

HR 4956

Leadership in Global Tech Standards Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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Rep. Obernolte, Jay [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Sep 3, 2021
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 6, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4350	Related bill	Mar 1, 2022: Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 144.
117 S 1849	Related bill	May 26, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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This bill requires the Small Business Administration (SBA) to establish a program that supports the participation of U.S. small businesses in meetings and proceedings of standards development organizations to develop voluntary technical standards.

To carry out this program, the SBA must award grants to small businesses for the reasonable costs of participation in standards development organizations.

These grants may only be awarded to small businesses that (1) demonstrate technical expertise in key emerging technologies and technical standards (e.g., artificial intelligence), (2) commit personnel with such expertise to regular participation in global bodies responsible for developing standards for those technologies, (3) agree to coordinate between the public and private sectors to ensure protection of national security interests in the setting of global standards, and (4) provide a plan detailing the relationship between the above activities and the proposed standards to be adopted.

Actions Timeline

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