

## S 5221

STEP Improvement Act of 2022

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Dec 8, 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. (Dec 8, 2022)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]

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

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 8, 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 8844	Identical bill	<b>Dec 7, 2022:</b> Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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This bill reauthorizes through FY2026 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**

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