

HR 6441

Women's Business Centers Improvement Act of 2022

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Jan 20, 2022

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. (Apr 27, 2022)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/6441>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|---|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22] | R · NY | | Jan 20, 2022 |
| Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large] | D · DC | | Jan 25, 2022 |
| Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1] | D · HI | | Jan 25, 2022 |
| Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1] | R · PA | | Jan 25, 2022 |
| Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6] | D · PA | | Jan 28, 2022 |
| Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1] | D · NH | | Jan 28, 2022 |
| Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27] | R · FL | | Jan 28, 2022 |
| Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7] | D · MD | | Feb 2, 2022 |
| Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large] | R · PR | | Feb 2, 2022 |
| Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38] | D · CA | | Feb 18, 2022 |
| Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24] | D · CA | | Mar 1, 2022 |
| Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5] | D · TN | | Mar 3, 2022 |
| Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3] | D · PA | | Mar 3, 2022 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee | Senate | Referred To | Apr 27, 2022 |
| Small Business Committee | House | Reported By | Mar 7, 2022 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|------------|--------------|--|
| 117 S 5220 | Related bill | Dec 8, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. |
| 117 S 4863 | Related bill | Sep 15, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. |

Summary (as of Apr 26, 2022)

Women's Business Centers Improvement Act of 2022

This bill reauthorizes the Women's Business Center Program through FY2025, 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

- **Apr 27, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- **Apr 26, 2022:** Ms. Velazquez moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Apr 26, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4465-4470)
- **Apr 26, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6441.
- **Apr 26, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.
- **Apr 26, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H4465-4468)
- **Apr 26, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 7, 2022:** Reported by the Committee on Small Business. H. Rept. 117-258.
- **Mar 7, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 188.
- **Feb 3, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 3, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Jan 20, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 20, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.