

HR 8844

STEP Improvement Act of 2022

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Sep 15, 2022

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (Dec 7, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Flood, Mike [R-NE-1]	R · NE		Sep 15, 2022
Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-39]	R · CA		Sep 15, 2022
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Sep 15, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 7, 2022
Small Business Committee	House	Reported By	Oct 14, 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 5221	Identical bill	Dec 8, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
117 HRES 1508	Related bill	Dec 6, 2022: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

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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

- **Dec 7, 2022:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- **Dec 6, 2022:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 1508, proceedings on H.R. 8844 are considered vacated.
- **Dec 6, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to section 3 of H. Res. 1508, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 8844; S. 198, as amended; and S. 1687, as amended.
- **Dec 6, 2022:** Pursuant to section 3 of H. Res. 1508, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 8844; S. 198, as amended; and S. 1687, as amended. (consideration: CR H8773-8775; text: CR H8773-8774)
- **Dec 5, 2022:** Ms. Velazquez moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Dec 5, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8738-8740)
- **Dec 5, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 8844.
- **Dec 5, 2022:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Oct 14, 2022:** Reported by the Committee on Small Business. H. Rept. 117-542.
- **Oct 14, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 390.
- **Sep 21, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Sep 21, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 15, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 15, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.