

S 2184

Women’s Business Centers Improvement Act of 2023

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Commerce

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Current Status: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held.

Latest Action: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. (Nov 15, 2023)

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Sponsor

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

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Nov 15, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 5361	Related bill	Sep 8, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

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This bill reauthorizes the Women's Business Center Program through FY2027, 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

- **Nov 15, 2023:** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held.
- **Jul 26, 2023:** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 118-90.
- **Jun 22, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 22, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.