

## HR 358

### Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Miller, Mary E. [R-IL-15]	R · IL		Jan 13, 2023
Rep. Brecheen, Josh [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Feb 14, 2023
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Feb 27, 2023
Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]	R · FL		Aug 29, 2023
Rep. Good, Bob [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Aug 29, 2023
Rep. Gooden, Lance [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Nov 3, 2023
Rep. Alford, Mark [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Nov 21, 2023
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Nov 30, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Markup By	Sep 19, 2024
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 13, 2023
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 13, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act**

This bill modifies the rulemaking requirements and procedures of federal agencies under the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 and the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, including how agencies consider economic impact with respect to small entities.

Specifically, the bill requires agencies to consider the direct, and the reasonably foreseeable indirect, economic effect of a rule on small entities when determining whether a rule is likely to have a significant economic impact. Further, the regulatory flexibility analysis for rules with a significant economic impact must include a detailed description of alternatives to a proposed rule that minimize any adverse significant economic impact or maximize any beneficial significant economic impact on small entities. The bill also expands the types of agency actions (e.g., revisions to land management plans) that are subject to a regulatory impact analysis.

The bill removes the authority for an agency to waive the regulatory flexibility analysis requirements and requires the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration to issue rules for compliance with such requirements.

The bill also modifies the procedures for the (1) gathering of comments for a proposed rule, (2) periodic review of agency rules, and (3) judicial review of final rules.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 19, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Sep 19, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 17 - 7.
- **Jan 13, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 13, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, and Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.