

HR 7987

Plain Language in Contracting Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commerce

Introduced: Apr 15, 2024

Current Status: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 409.

Latest Action: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 409. (May 23, 2024)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. LaLota, Nick [R-NY-1]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Thanedar, Shri [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Apr 15, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 23, 2024
Small Business Committee	House	Reported By	Apr 26, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commerce

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 26, 2024)

Plain Language in Contracting Act

This bill requires that notices of contracting opportunities for small businesses are written in a clear, concise, and accessible manner.

Each notice also must comply with the requirements of the Plain Writing Act of 2010, which are applicable to publications and notices by federal agencies.

The Small Business Administration must issue rules to implement these requirements.

Actions Timeline

- **May 23, 2024:** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Reported by Senator Shaheen without amendment. Without written report.
- **May 23, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 409.
- **May 22, 2024:** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 30, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- **Apr 29, 2024:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2638)
- **Apr 29, 2024:** Mr. Williams (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Apr 29, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2645-2646)
- **Apr 29, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 7987.
- **Apr 29, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2645)
- **Apr 29, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2645)
- **Apr 29, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 26, 2024:** Reported by the Committee on Small Business. H. Rept. 118-471.
- **Apr 26, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 390.
- **Apr 17, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Apr 17, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 23 - 0.
- **Apr 15, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 15, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.