

## HR 1816

WOSB Accountability Act

**Congress:** 119 (2025–2027, Current)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Mar 3, 2025

**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. (Jun 4, 2025)

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. LaLota, Nick [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Mar 3, 2025
Rep. Goodlander, Maggie [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Mar 5, 2025
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Mar 24, 2025

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 4, 2025
Small Business Committee	House	Reported By	Mar 24, 2025

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 1586	Related bill	<b>Feb 25, 2025:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

## **WOSB Accountability Act**

This bill requires that only women-owned small businesses that have been certified by a federal agency, state government, or national certifying entity approved by the Small Business Administration (SBA) are included when calculating whether a federal agency has met its contracting goals with respect to such businesses during a fiscal year.

Certain self-certified, women-owned small businesses that have filed an application for certification are deemed to have been certified until the SBA or national certifying entity makes a determination with respect to the certification of such business.

The SBA must provide a briefing each quarter about specified aspects of the process of certifying women-owned small businesses and implementing the requirements of the bill.



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