

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

Name: Rep. Velázquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]

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	Feb 25, 2025: Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

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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.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 4, 2025:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
- **Jun 3, 2025:** Mr. Williams (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jun 3, 2025:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2393-2395)
- **Jun 3, 2025:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1816.
- **Jun 3, 2025:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2393-2394)
- **Jun 3, 2025:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2393-2394)
- **Jun 3, 2025:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 24, 2025:** Reported by the Committee on Small Business. H. Rept. 119-37.
- **Mar 24, 2025:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 26.
- **Mar 5, 2025:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Mar 5, 2025:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 25 - 0.
- **Mar 3, 2025:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 3, 2025:** Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

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