

## HR 3496

### Northern Mariana Islands Small Business Access Act

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

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** May 19, 2025

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneur

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. (Jan 26, 2026)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/3496>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Del. King-Hinds, Kimberlyn [R-MP-At Large]

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Conaway, Herbert C. [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Nov 7, 2025
Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Nov 17, 2025
Rep. Goodlander, Maggie [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Nov 25, 2025

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 26, 2026
Small Business Committee	House	Referred To	May 19, 2025
Small Business Committee	House	Markup By	Nov 18, 2025
Small Business Committee	House	Reported By	Dec 12, 2025

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill expands eligibility for the Small Business Administration microloan program to include entities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The microloan program provides loans up to \$50,000 for small businesses and certain nonprofit childcare centers.

## Actions Timeline

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