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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 2022

Ms. HOULAHAN (for herself and Ms. TENNEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Women-Owned Small
5 Business Program Transparency Act” or the “WOSB
6 Program Transparency Act”.

SEC. 2. REPORT ON SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY WOMEN.

(a) In General.—Section 8(m) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(m)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(9) REPORT.—Not later than May 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate a report on small business concerns owned and controlled by women. Such report shall include, for the fiscal year preceding the date of the report, the following:

“(A) The total number of concerns certified as small business concerns owned and controlled by women, disaggregated by the number of concerns certified by—

“(i) the Administrator; or

“(ii) a national certifying entity approved by the Administrator.

“(B) The amount of fees, if any, charged by each national certifying entity for such certification.

“(C) The total dollar amount and total percentage of prime contracts awarded to small
business concerns owned and controlled by
women pursuant to paragraph (2) or pursuant
to a waiver granted under paragraph (3).

“(D) The total dollar amount and total
percentage of prime contracts awarded to small
business concerns owned and controlled by
women pursuant to paragraphs (7) and (8).

“(E) With respect to a contract incorrectly
awarded pursuant to this subsection because it
was awarded based on an industry in which
small business concerns owned and controlled
by women are not underrepresented—

“(i) the number of such contracts;

“(ii) the Federal agencies that issued
such contracts; and

“(iii) any steps taken by Adminis-
trator to train the personnel of such Fed-
eral agency on the use of the authority
provided under this subsection.

“(F) With respect to an examination de-
scribed in paragraph (5)(B)—

“(i) the number of examinations due
because of recertification requirements and
the actual number of such examinations
conducted; and
“(ii) the number of examinations conducted for any other reason.

“(G) The number of small business concerns owned and controlled by women that were found to be ineligible to be awarded a contract under this subsection as a result of an examination conducted pursuant to paragraph (5)(B) or failure to request an examination pursuant to section 127.400 of title 13, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor rule).

“(H) The number of small business concerns owned and controlled by women that were decertified.

“(I) Any other information the Administrator determines necessary.”.

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 8(m)(2)(C) of the Small Business Act is amended by striking “paragraph (3)” and inserting “paragraph (4)”.

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