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H. R. 6058

To reauthorize the Interagency Committee on Women’s Business Enterprise,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 25, 2023

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

A BILL

To reauthorize the Interagency Committee on Women’s
Business Enterprise, and for other purposes.

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 “Interagency Committee
5 on Women’s Business Enterprise Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON WOMEN’S BUSINESS**

7 **ENTERPRISE.**

8 Title IV of the Women’s Business Ownership Act of
9 1988 (15 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.) is amended—

10 (1) in section 402 (15 U.S.C. 7102)—

1 (A) in subsection (a)—

2 (i) by striking paragraphs (2) and (5);

3 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (3)

4 and (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respec-

5 tively; and

6 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-

7 lowing:

8 “(4) monitor the plans, programs, and oper-
9 ations of the departments and agencies of the Fed-
10 eral Government to identify barriers to new business
11 formation by women entrepreneurs, or barriers expe-
12 rienced by women-led startups in accessing and partic-
13 ipating in the plans, programs, and operations of
14 the departments and agencies of the Federal Gov-
15 ernment.”;

16 (B) in subsection (b), by inserting after

17 the first sentence the following: “In addition to

18 the meetings described in the preceding sen-

19 tence, the Interagency Committee shall meet at

20 the call of the executive director of the Council

21 or the chairperson of the Interagency Com-

22 mittee.”; and

23 (C) in subsection (c), in the first sentence,

24 by inserting “, including through the use of

1 published research and policy independently de-
2 veloped by the Council” after “Council”;

3 (2) in section 403 (15 U.S.C. 7103)—

4 (A) in subsection (a)—

5 (i) in paragraph (1)—

6 (I) in the matter preceding sub-
7 paragraph (A), by inserting “the Ad-
8 ministrator, the executive director of
9 the Council, and” before “1 represent-
10 ative”; and

11 (II) by adding at the end the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(K) The National Aeronautics and Space
14 Administration.

15 “(L) The Environmental Protection Agen-
16 cy.

17 “(M) The Office of Management and
18 Budget.

19 “(N) The Minority Business Development
20 Agency.

21 “(O) The Office of the Assistant Secretary
22 for Indian Affairs of the Department of the In-
23 terior.

24 “(P) The Department of Veterans Af-
25 fairs.”; and

1 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

2 (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-
3 ing “Small Business Administration
4 Reauthorization Act of 1997” and in-
5 serting “Interagency Committee on
6 Women’s Business Enterprise Act of
7 2023”; and

8 (II) in subparagraph (B)—

9 (aa) by striking “Small
10 Business”;

11 (bb) by striking “and shall
12 report directly to the Adminis-
13 trator on the status of the activi-
14 ties on the Interagency Com-
15 mittee”; and

16 (cc) by striking “National
17 Women’s Business Council estab-
18 lished under section 405” and in-
19 serting “Council”; and

20 (B) by amending subsection (b) to read as
21 follows:

22 “(b) APPOINTMENT.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days
24 after the date of the enactment of this subsection,
25 the President, in consultation with the Adminis-

1 trator, shall appoint one of the members of the
2 Interagency Committee to serve as chairperson.

3 “(2) VACANCY.—If a chairperson is not ap-
4 pointed during the 45-day period described in para-
5 graph (1), the Deputy Administrator of the Small
6 Business Administration shall serve as acting chair-
7 person of the Interagency Committee until a chair-
8 person is appointed under paragraph (1).”;

9 (3) in section 404 (15 U.S.C. 7104)—

10 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
11 by striking “1995” and inserting “2024”;

12 (B) in paragraph (1), by adding “and” at
13 the end;

14 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and”
15 and inserting a period; and

16 (D) by striking paragraph (3); and

17 (4) in section 406(d) (15 U.S.C. 7106(d))—

18 (A) in paragraph (5), by inserting “and”
19 after the semicolon; and

20 (B) in paragraph (6)—

21 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
22 graph (A), by inserting “and Entrepreneurship” before “of the Senate”; and
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- 1 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
- 2 “council” and inserting “Council”.

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