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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 14, 2021

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. CARDIN, and
Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and re-
ferred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

FEBRUARY 17, 2022

Reported by Mr. CARDIN, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S BUSINESS**
 2 **ENTERPRISE.**

3 Title IV of the Women's Business Ownership Act of
 4 1988 (15 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.) is amended—

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

6 (A) in subsection (a)—

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

8 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (3)

9 and (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respec-
 10 tively; and

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

13 “(4) monitor the plans, programs, and oper-
 14 ations of the departments and agencies of the Fed-
 15 eral Government to identify barriers to new business
 16 formation by women entrepreneurs, or barriers expe-
 17 rienced by women-led startups in accessing and par-
 18 ticipating in the plans, programs, and operations of
 19 the departments and agencies of the Federal Gov-
 20 ernment.”;

21 (B) in subsection (b), by inserting after
 22 the first sentence the following: “In addition to
 23 the meetings described in the preceding sen-
 24 tence, the Interagency Committee shall meet at
 25 the call of the executive director of the Council

1 or the chairperson of the Interagency Com-
 2 mittee.”; and

3 (C) in subsection (c), in the first sentence,
 4 by inserting “, including through the use of re-
 5 search and policy developed by the Council”
 6 after “Council”;

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

8 (A) in subsection (a)—

9 (i) in paragraph (1)—

10 (I) in the matter preceding sub-
 11 paragraph (A), by inserting “the execu-
 12 tive director of the Council and” be-
 13 fore “1 representative”; and

14 (II) by adding at the end the fol-
 15 lowing:

16 “(K) The National Aeronautics and Space
 17 Administration.

18 “(L) The Environmental Protection Agen-
 19 cy.

20 “(M) The Office of Management and
 21 Budget.

22 “(N) The Bureau of Labor Statistics.

23 “(O) The Department of Homeland Secu-
 24 rity.

1 “(P) The Department of Veterans Af-
2 fairs.”; and

3 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

4 (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-
5 ing “Small Business Administration
6 Reauthorization Act of 1997” and in-
7 serting “Interagency Committee on
8 Women’s Business Enterprise Act of
9 2021”; and

10 (II) in subparagraph (B)—

11 (aa) by striking “Small
12 Business”; and

13 (bb) by striking “National
14 Women’s Business Council estab-
15 lished under section 405” and in-
16 serting “Council”; and

17 (B) by amending subsection (b) to read as
18 follows:

19 “(b) APPOINTMENT.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days
21 after the date of enactment of the Interagency Com-
22 mittee on Women’s Business Enterprise Act of
23 2021, the President, in consultation with the Admin-
24 istrator, shall appoint one of the members of the
25 Interagency Committee to serve as chairperson.

1 “~~(2)~~ VACANCY.—In the event that a chair-
 2 person is not appointed during the 45-day period de-
 3 scribed in paragraph ~~(1)~~, the Deputy Administrator
 4 of the Small Business Administration shall serve as
 5 acting chairperson of the Interagency Committee
 6 until a chairperson is appointed under paragraph
 7 ~~(1)~~.”; and

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

9 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph ~~(1)~~,
 10 by striking “1995” and inserting “2021”;

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

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

15 ~~(D)~~ by striking paragraph ~~(3)~~.

16 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

17 *This Act may be cited as the “Interagency Committee*
 18 *on Women’s Business Enterprise Act of 2022”.*

19 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON WOMEN’S BUSINESS**
 20 **ENTERPRISE.**

21 *Title IV of the Women’s Business Ownership Act of*
 22 *1988 (15 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.) is amended—*

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

24 (A) in subsection (a)—

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

1 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (3)
2 and (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respec-
3 tively; and

4 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(4) monitor the plans, programs, and oper-
7 ations of the departments and agencies of the Federal
8 Government to identify barriers to new business for-
9 mation by women entrepreneurs, or barriers experi-
10 enced by women-led startups in accessing and partici-
11 pating in the plans, programs, and operations of the
12 departments and agencies of the Federal Govern-
13 ment.”;

14 (B) in subsection (b), by inserting after the
15 first sentence the following: “In addition to the
16 meetings described in the preceding sentence, the
17 Interagency Committee shall meet at the call of
18 the executive director of the Council or the chair-
19 person of the Interagency Committee.”; and

20 (C) in subsection (c), in the first sentence,
21 by inserting “, including through the use of pub-
22 lished research and policy independently devel-
23 oped by the Council” after “Council”;

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

25 (A) in subsection (a)—

1 (i) in paragraph (1)—

2 (I) in the matter preceding sub-
3 paragraph (A), by inserting “the Ad-
4 ministrators, the executive director of
5 the Council, and” before “1 representa-
6 tive”; and

7 (II) by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(K) The National Aeronautics and Space
10 Administration.

11 “(L) The Environmental Protection Agency.

12 “(M) The Office of Management and Budg-
13 et.

14 “(N) The Minority Business Development
15 Agency.

16 “(O) The Office of the Assistant Secretary
17 for Indian Affairs of the Department of the Inte-
18 rior.

19 “(P) The Department of Veterans Affairs.”;
20 and

21 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

22 (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-
23 ing “Small Business Administration
24 Reauthorization Act of 1997” and in-
25 serting “Interagency Committee on

1 *Women’s Business Enterprise Act of*
2 *2022*”; and

3 (II) in subparagraph (B)—

4 (aa) by striking “Small
5 *Business*”;

6 (bb) by striking “and shall
7 *report directly to the Adminis-*
8 *trator on the status of the activi-*
9 *ties on the Interagency Com-*
10 *mittee*”; and

11 (cc) by striking “National
12 *Women’s Business Council estab-*
13 *lished under section 405*” and in-
14 *serting “Council*”; and

15 (B) by amending subsection (b) to read as
16 *follows:*

17 “(b) CHAIRPERSON.—*The Administrator shall serve as*
18 *chairperson of the Interagency Committee.*”;

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

20 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
21 by striking “1995” and inserting “2022”;

22 (B) in paragraph (1), by adding “and” at
23 *the end*;

24 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and”
25 *and inserting a period*; and

1 *(D) by striking paragraph (3); and*
2 *(4) in section 406(d)(6) (15 U.S.C.*
3 *7106(d)(6))—*

4 *(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph*
5 *(A), by inserting “and Entrepreneurship” before*
6 *“of the Senate”; and*

7 *(B) in subparagraph (A), by striking*
8 *“council” and inserting “Council”.*

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