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H. R. 4853

To amend the Small Business Act to modify the women’s business center program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 2004

Mrs. KELLY (for herself, Mr. FROST, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. KLECZKA, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. BONNER, Mr. MOORE, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. REHBERG, and Mr. CARDIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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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’s Business
5 Sustainability Extension Act of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. WOMEN’S BUSINESS CENTERS.**

7 (a) FUNDING PRIORITY.—Section 29(k) of the Small
8 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656(k)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the
2 following:

3 “(C) FUNDING PRIORITY.—Subject to
4 available funds, and reservation of funds, the
5 Administration shall, for fiscal year 2004, allo-
6 cate—

7 “(i) \$150,000 for each eligible wom-
8 en’s business center established under sub-
9 section (b), except for centers that request
10 a lesser amount;

11 “(ii) from the funds reserved under
12 subsection (k)(4)(A), not more than
13 \$125,000 to each eligible women’s business
14 center established under subsection (l); and

15 “(iii) any funds remaining after allo-
16 cations are made under clauses (i) and (ii)
17 to new eligible women’s business centers
18 and eligible women’s business centers that
19 did not receive funding in the prior fiscal
20 year under subsection (b).”; and

21 (2) in paragraph (4)(A), by adding at the end
22 the following:

23 “(v) For fiscal year 2004, 48 per-
24 cent.”.

1 (b) FUNDRAISING PLAN.—Section 29(l)(2) of the
2 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656(l)(2)) is amended by
3 adding at the end the following:

4 “(F) for grants to be distributed after
5 June 30, 2005, a plan that demonstrates a
6 clear, fixed timeframe for fundraising and self-
7 sufficiency, unless the Administrator grants an
8 exception for an organization that serves low-in-
9 come or other underserved areas.”.

10 (c) REALLOCATION OF UNUSED FUNDS.—Section
11 29(l) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656(l)) is
12 amended by adding at the end the following:

13 “(6) REALLOCATION OF UNUSED FUNDS.—If,
14 at the beginning of the third quarter of a women’s
15 business center funding year, the Administrator de-
16 termines, based on credible evidence, that any por-
17 tion of the amount made available to carry out this
18 subsection is unlikely to be used by a women’s busi-
19 ness center, the Administration may use the unused
20 portion to award supplemental grants of not more
21 than \$25,000 to any women’s business center estab-
22 lished under this section to carry out the purposes
23 of this section, subject to the provisions of this sec-
24 tion.”.

1 (d) PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS.—Section 29 of
2 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656) is amended by
3 adding at the end the following:

4 “(m) INTERNAL PROGRAM PERFORMANCE EVALUA-
5 TIONS.—

6 “(1) ACCESS AND USE OF INFORMATION.—The
7 Administrator of the Small Business Administration
8 may access and use client contact information from
9 women’s business centers established under this sec-
10 tion solely to conduct internal program performance
11 evaluations and financial and programmatic audits.

12 “(2) PRIVACY REQUIREMENT.—The Adminis-
13 trator of the Small Business Administration—

14 “(A) shall only use client information col-
15 lected under paragraph (1) for internal pro-
16 gram performance evaluations and financial and
17 programmatic audits; and

18 “(B) shall not disclose or distribute any of
19 the collected information for any other purpose.

20 “(3) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—A wom-
21 en’s business center shall notify each client—

22 “(A) that information about the client will
23 be collected;

24 “(B) the purposes for which the client in-
25 formation may be used; and

1 “(C) that the client, if contacted, will be
2 contacted solely for program performance eval-
3 uation or audit purposes.

4 “(4) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Adminis-
5 trator of the Small Business Administration shall in-
6 clude findings from any internal program perform-
7 ance evaluations in the Administration’s annual re-
8 port to the Committee on Small Business and Entre-
9 preneurship of the Senate and the Committee on
10 Small Business of the House of Representatives.”.

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