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# H. R. 5971

To establish the Health Information Technology Loan Program within the  
Small Business Administration.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. KELLY (for herself and Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut) introduced the  
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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## A BILL

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Program within the Small Business Administration.

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 “HIT for Small Busi-  
5 ness Health Care Providers Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOAN PRO-**  
7 **GRAM.**

8 (a) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—For each of fiscal  
9 years 2007 and 2008, the Administrator of the Small  
10 Business Administration shall ensure that a portion of the

1 total loan amounts secured by the Administration under  
2 the Microloan program and under the 504 loan program,  
3 respectively, are secured by guarantees that comply with  
4 this section. The portion shall be not less than—

5 (1) \$1,250,000, for the Microloan program; and

6 (2) \$10,000,000, for the 504 loan program.

7 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) The term “Microloan program” means the  
9 Microloan program carried out under section 7(m)  
10 of the Small Business Act.

11 (2) The term “504 loan program” means the  
12 program (commonly referred to as the 504 loan pro-  
13 gram) to provide financing to small business con-  
14 cerns by guarantees of loans under title V of the  
15 Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C.  
16 695 et seq.).

17 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—A guarantee complies with this  
18 section if—

19 (1) the purpose of the guarantee is to help a  
20 small business acquire capital for the purchase of  
21 materials relating to health information technology;

22 (2) that purchase of materials described in  
23 paragraph (1) is made pursuant to a plan that has  
24 been certified by the Certification Commission for  
25 Healthcare Information Technology; and

1           (3) the guarantee otherwise complies with the  
2 requirements of the loan program, except that the  
3 amount of the guarantee, in the case of a guarantee  
4 under the 504 loan program, may not exceed  
5 \$75,000.

6           (d) PERIODIC REVIEW.—The Inspector General of  
7 the Administration shall periodically review a representa-  
8 tive sample of loans guaranteed under this section to miti-  
9 gate the risk of fraud and ensure the safety and soundness  
10 of the implementation of this section.

11           (e) REPORT.—Not later than January 31 of each  
12 year, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on  
13 Small Business of the House of Representatives and the  
14 Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of  
15 the Senate a report on the activities carried out under this  
16 section during the most recently completed fiscal year. The  
17 report shall include information relating to—

18           (1) the total number of loans guaranteed under  
19 this section; and

20           (2) for each loan guaranteed under this sec-  
21 tion—

22                   (A) the amount of the loan;

23                   (B) the geographic location, size, and type  
24 of small business of the borrower; and

1                   (C) the materials relating to health infor-  
2                   mation technology that were purchased through  
3                   the loan.

4           (f) GUIDELINES.—The Administrator shall issue  
5 guidelines for the implementation of this Act. The initial  
6 guidelines shall be issued not later than 60 days after the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act.

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