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To require the Secretary of Defense to report on certain contracts and awards to small business concerns, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHOLTEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. STUDY ON CERTAIN CONTRACTS AND AWARDS**
4 **TO SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.**

5 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense,
6 acting through the Office of Small Business Programs,
7 shall carry out a study to review contracts awarded with
8 a value at or below the simplified acquisition threshold (as
9 defined in section 3015 of title 10, United States Code)
10 to determine if the Department of Defense is ensuring full

1 consideration and application of requirements relating to
2 small business concerns (as defined in section 3 of the
3 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632)).

4 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
6 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
7 House of Representatives and the Senate, the Committee
8 on Small Business of the House of Representatives, and
9 the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
10 of the Senate a report on the results of the study required
11 by this section. Such report shall include—

12 (1) the total dollar amount of contracts award-
13 ed with a value at or below the simplified acquisition
14 threshold during the five-year period preceding the
15 date of the report, including the percentage of such
16 contracts and the aggregate dollar amount of such
17 contracts awarded to small business concerns;

18 (2) an overview of the types of contracts with
19 a value at or below the simplified acquisition thresh-
20 old, and description of the products or services, that
21 were not awarded to small business concerns;

22 (3) an overview of the reasons why a contract
23 with a value at or below the simplified acquisition
24 threshold may not be set aside for small business
25 concerns;

- 1 (4) any trends, themes, or patterns of contracts
2 with a value at or below the simplified acquisition
3 threshold that were awarded to entities that are not
4 small business concerns when such a contract should
5 have been subject to a requirement to be set aside
6 for small business concerns; and
- 7 (5) recommendations for changes to statute,
8 regulation, policy, or guidance that would ensure full
9 consideration and application of requirement to set
10 aside contracts for small business concerns.

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