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# S. 2042

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

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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

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## 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”.

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 re-

1 search and policy developed by the Council”  
2 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 execu-  
8 tive director of the Council and” be-  
9 fore “1 representative”; and

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

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

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

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

18 “(N) The Bureau of Labor Statistics.

19 “(O) The Department of Homeland Secu-  
20 rity.

21 “(P) The Department of Veterans Af-  
22 fairs.”; and

23 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

24 (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-  
25 ing “Small Business Administration

1 Reauthorization Act of 1997” and in-  
2 sserting “Interagency Committee on  
3 Women’s Business Enterprise Act of  
4 2021”; and

5 (II) in subparagraph (B)—

6 (aa) by striking “Small  
7 Business”; and

8 (bb) by striking “National  
9 Women’s Business Council estab-  
10 lished under section 405” and in-  
11 sserting “Council”; and

12 (B) by amending subsection (b) to read as  
13 follows:

14 “(b) APPOINTMENT.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days  
16 after the date of enactment of the Interagency Com-  
17 mittee on Women’s Business Enterprise Act of  
18 2021, the President, in consultation with the Admin-  
19 istrator, shall appoint one of the members of the  
20 Interagency Committee to serve as chairperson.

21 “(2) VACANCY.—In the event that a chair-  
22 person is not appointed during the 45-day period de-  
23 scribed in paragraph (1), the Deputy Administrator  
24 of the Small Business Administration shall serve as  
25 acting chairperson of the Interagency Committee

1       until a chairperson is appointed under paragraph  
2       (1).”; and

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

4                       (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
5               by striking “1995” and inserting “2021”;

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

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

10                      (D) by striking paragraph (3).

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