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# H. R. 7396

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 2026

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and  
Entrepreneurship

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## AN ACT

To establish an Office of Native American Affairs within  
the Small Business Administration, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Native American En-  
3 trepreneurial Opportunity Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS.**

5 The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is  
6 amended—

7 (1) by redesignating section 49 (15 U.S.C. 631  
8 note) as section 50; and

9 (2) by inserting after section 48 (15 U.S.C.  
10 657u) the following:

11 **“SEC. 49. OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS.**

12 **“(a) DEFINITIONS.—**In this section:

13 **“(1) ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR.—**The term  
14 ‘Assistant Administrator’ means the Assistant Ad-  
15 ministrator for Native American Affairs appointed  
16 under subsection (c).

17 **“(2) INDIAN TRIBE.—**The term ‘Indian Tribe’  
18 has the meaning given the term ‘Indian tribe’ in sec-  
19 tion 8(a)(13).

20 **“(3) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—**The  
21 term ‘Native Hawaiian Organization’ has the mean-  
22 ing given the term in section 8(a)(15).

23 **“(4) OFFICE.—**The term ‘Office’ means the Of-  
24 fice of Native American Affairs described in this sec-  
25 tion.

26 **“(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—**

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—There may be established  
2       within the Administration the Office of Native  
3       American Affairs, which shall be responsible for es-  
4       tablishing a working relationship with Indian Tribes  
5       and Native Hawaiian Organizations by targeting  
6       programs of the Administration relating to entrepre-  
7       neurial development, contracting, and capital access  
8       to—

9           “(A) establish or expand small business  
10       concerns owned and controlled by individuals  
11       who are members of Indian Tribes or Native  
12       Hawaiian Organizations; and

13           “(B) promote economic development in In-  
14       dian country (as defined in section 1151 of title  
15       18, United States Code).

16           “(2) CONNECTION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS.—  
17       To the extent reasonable, the Office shall educate  
18       Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations  
19       about programs administered by other Federal agen-  
20       cies related to the interests described in paragraph  
21       (1).

22           “(c) ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR.—The Office shall  
23       be headed by an Assistant Administrator for Native Amer-  
24       ican Affairs, who shall—

1           “(1) be appointed by and report to the Admin-  
2           istrator;

3           “(2) have knowledge of Native American cul-  
4           tures and experience providing culturally tailored  
5           small business development assistance to Native  
6           Americans;

7           “(3) provide assistance to Indian Tribes and  
8           Native Hawaiian Organizations and small business  
9           concerns owned and controlled by individuals who  
10          are members of Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian  
11          Organizations;

12          “(4) formulate policies, and promote policies  
13          and existing programs, to better address the entre-  
14          preneurial, capital access, business development, and  
15          contracting needs of persons described in paragraph  
16          (3);

17          “(5) collaborate with Associate Administrators  
18          within the Administration and officials of other Fed-  
19          eral agencies to develop policies and plans to imple-  
20          ment programs of the Administration to holistically  
21          address the needs described in paragraph (4);

22          “(6) provide assistance, including grants, con-  
23          tracts, cooperative agreements, or other financial as-  
24          sistance, to Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian Or-  
25          ganizations, or to private nonprofit organizations

1       governed by members of Indian Tribes or Native  
2       Hawaiian Organizations that have the experience  
3       and capability to use the assistance to—

4               “(A) deploy training, counseling, work-  
5               shops, educational outreach, and supplier  
6               events; and

7               “(B) access the entrepreneurial, capital,  
8               and contracting programs of the Administra-  
9               tion;

10              “(7) assist the Administrator in conducting, or  
11              conduct, Tribal consultation to solicit input and fa-  
12              cilitate discussion of potential modifications to pro-  
13              grams and procedures of the Administration; and

14              “(8) recommend annual budgets for the Office.

15              “(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—On an annual basis  
16              until the termination date, the Assistant Administrator  
17              shall submit to Congress a report on the effectiveness of  
18              the Office of Native American Affairs that includes the  
19              number of clients served in Tribal communities, the num-  
20              ber of consultations conducted, and the number of  
21              trainings held in Tribal country.

1       “(e) TERMINATION.—The authority under this sec-  
2   tion shall terminate 7 years after the date of the enact-  
3   ment of this section.”.

Passed the House of Representatives June 23, 2026.

Attest:                   KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Clerk.*