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H. R. 8881

To amend the Small Business Act to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to report on the use of artificial intelligence and machine learning by the Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2026

Mr. FINSTAD (for himself and Mr. LATIMER) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “SBA Artificial Intel-
5 ligence Utilization Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORTS REGARDING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**
2 **AND MACHINE LEARNING USE BY THE SMALL**
3 **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.**

4 Section 10(c) of the Small Business Act is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 “(c) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE
7 LEARNING USE REPORTS.—

8 “(1) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than 90
9 days after the date of the enactment of this sub-
10 section, and annually thereafter, the Administrator
11 shall submit to the Committee on Small Business of
12 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
13 Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate
14 a report on—

15 “(A) the use of artificial intelligence and
16 machine learning by the Administration;

17 “(B) the benefits and risks posed by the
18 use of artificial intelligence and machine learn-
19 ing in the work of the Administration, including
20 in impeding the operations of the Administra-
21 tion; and

22 “(C) measures that the Administrator can
23 take to effectively identify, evaluate, and man-
24 age such benefits and risks, including expla-
25 nations of how the Administrator can—

1 “(i) retain human involvement in im-
2 portant decisions informed by rec-
3 ommendations made by artificial intel-
4 ligence or machine learning;

5 “(ii) identify tasks and functions that
6 artificial intelligence or machine learning
7 can and cannot reliably and effectively per-
8 form, including whether artificial intel-
9 ligence and machine learning can improve
10 operations, productivity, or customer serv-
11 ice;

12 “(iii) determine which specific artifi-
13 cial intelligence or machine learning tools
14 are appropriate for a particular task or
15 function, if such task or function is deter-
16 mined to have the potential to be reliably
17 and effectively performed by artificial intel-
18 ligence or machine learning; and

19 “(iv) determine whether an artificial
20 intelligence or machine learning tool ade-
21 quately fills a need of the Administration
22 and is worth adopting to fulfill such need.

23 “(2) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 30
24 days after the date on which the Administrator sub-
25 mits each report required under paragraph (1), the

1 Administrator shall provide to the committees de-
2 scribed in such paragraph a briefing on such report.

3 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the
4 terms ‘artificial intelligence’ and ‘machine learning’
5 have the meanings given, respectively, in section
6 5002 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National
7 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (15
8 U.S.C. 9401).”.

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