

105TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2157

To amend the Small Business Act to increase the authorized funding level
for women's business centers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 11, 1998

Mr. CLELAND (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. DODD, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BUMPERS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. HUTCHISON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

5 (1) there is a need to increase the authorization
6 level for the women's business centers because they
7 are the only organizations throughout the Nation

1 that focus exclusively on entrepreneurial training
 2 programs for women;

3 (2) increased funding would allow for new cen-
 4 ters and subcenters to be established, and continued
 5 funding for existing centers, including the on-line
 6 women’s business center; and

7 (3) increased funding will ensure that the Small
 8 Business Administration achieves the goal of estab-
 9 lishing and sustaining at least one women’s business
 10 center in each State.

11 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 Section 29(k)(1) of the Small Business Act (15
 13 U.S.C. 656(k)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

14 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to
 15 be appropriated to carry out the projects authorized
 16 under this section—

17 “(A) \$9,000,000 for fiscal year 1999;

18 “(B) \$10,500,000 for fiscal year 2000; and

19 “(C) \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.”.

20 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 The amendments made by this Act shall become ef-
 22 fective on October 1, 1998.

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