

106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 392

To amend the Small Business Act to increase the authorization of appropriations for the women's business center program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 19, 1999

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD (for herself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. KLECZKA, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. CHRISTIAN-CHRISTENSEN, and Ms. LEE) 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 “Empowering Women
5 Business Owners Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) There is a need to increase the authoriza-
2 tion of appropriations for the women’s business cen-
3 ters established under the Small Business Act be-
4 cause these centers are the only organizations na-
5 tionally that focus exclusively on entrepreneurial
6 training programs for women.

7 (2) Increased funding would make possible the
8 establishment of new centers and subcenters and the
9 continued funding of existing centers, including the
10 on-line women’s business center.

11 (3) Increased funding will help the Small Busi-
12 ness Administration to achieve the goal of establish-
13 ing and sustaining at least one women’s business
14 center in each State.

15 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

18 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to
19 be appropriated to carry out the projects authorized
20 under this section—

21 “(A) \$9,000,000 for fiscal year 2000;

22 “(B) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2001; and

23 “(C) \$11,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.”.

1 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The amendment made by this Act shall become effec-
3 tive on October 1, 1999.

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