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S. 2172

To remove the limit on the anticipated award price for contracts awarded under the procurement program for women-owned small business concerns, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7, 2012

Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

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 “Fairness in Women-
5 Owned Small Business Contracting Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROCUREMENT PROGRAM FOR WOMEN-OWNED**
 2 **SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.**

3 Section 8(m) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
 4 637(m)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (2)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “who
 7 are economically disadvantaged”;

8 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking
 9 “paragraph (3)” and inserting “paragraph
 10 (4)”;

11 (C) by striking subparagraph (D); and

12 (D) by redesignating subparagraphs (E)
 13 and (F) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), respec-
 14 tively; and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(7) **SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS.**—A contracting
 17 officer may award a sole source contract under this
 18 subsection to a small business concern owned and
 19 controlled by women under the same conditions as a
 20 sole source contract may be awarded to a qualified
 21 HUBZone small business concern under section
 22 31(b)(2)(A).”.

23 **SEC. 3. STUDY AND REPORT ON REPRESENTATION OF**
 24 **WOMEN.**

25 Section 29 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656)
 26 is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(o) STUDY AND REPORT ON REPRESENTATION OF
2 WOMEN.—

3 “(1) STUDY.—The Administrator shall periodi-
4 cally conduct a study to identify any United States
5 industry, as defined under the North American In-
6 dustry Classification System, in which women are
7 underrepresented.

8 “(2) REPORT.—Not later than 5 years after the
9 date of enactment of this subsection, and every 5
10 years thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to
11 the Committee on Small Business and Entrepre-
12 neurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small
13 Business of the House of Representatives a report
14 on the results of each study under paragraph (1)
15 conducted during the 5-year period ending on the
16 date of the report.”.

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