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S. 3406

To reauthorize the Interagency Committee on Women’s Business Enterprise,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 5, 2020

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. CARDIN, and
Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and re-
ferred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

A BILL

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Business Enterprise, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Interagency Committee
5 on Women’s Business Enterprise Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON WOMEN’S BUSINESS**
7 **ENTERPRISE.**

8 Title IV of the Women’s Business Ownership Act of
9 1988 (15 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.) is amended—

10 (1) in section 402 (15 U.S.C. 7102)—

1 (A) in subsection (a)—

2 (i) by striking paragraphs (2) and (5);

3 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (3)

4 and (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respec-

5 tively; and

6 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-

7 lowing:

8 “(4) monitor the plans, programs, and oper-
9 ations of the departments and agencies of the Fed-
10 eral Government to identify barriers to new business
11 formation by women entrepreneurs, or barriers expe-
12 rienced by women-led startups in accessing and par-
13 ticipating in the plans, programs, and operations of
14 the departments and agencies of the Federal Gov-
15 ernment.”;

16 (B) in subsection (b), by inserting after

17 the second sentence the following: “In addition

18 to the meetings described in the preceding sen-

19 tence, the Interagency Committee shall meet at

20 the call of the executive director of the Council

21 or the chairperson of the Interagency Com-

22 mittee.”; and

23 (C) in subsection (c), in the first sentence,

24 by inserting “, including through the use of re-

1 search and policy developed by the Council”
2 after “Council”;

3 (2) in section 403 (15 U.S.C. 7103)—

4 (A) in subsection (a)—

5 (i) in paragraph (1)—

6 (I) in the matter preceding sub-
7 paragraph (A), by inserting “the execu-
8 tive director of the Council and” be-
9 fore “1 representative”; and

10 (II) by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(K) The National Aeronautics and Space
13 Administration.

14 “(L) The Environmental Protection Agen-
15 cy.

16 “(M) The Deputy Director of Management
17 of the Office of Management and Budget.

18 “(N) The Bureau of Labor Statistics.

19 “(O) The Department of Homeland Secu-
20 rity.

21 “(P) The Department of Veterans Af-
22 fairs.”; and

23 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

24 (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-
25 ing “Small Business Administration

1 Reauthorization Act of 1997” and in-
2 sserting “Interagency Committee on
3 Women’s Business Enterprise Act of
4 2020”; and

5 (II) in subparagraph (B)—

6 (aa) by striking “Small
7 Business”; and

8 (bb) by striking “National
9 Women’s Business Council estab-
10 lished under section 405” and in-
11 sserting “Council”; and

12 (B) by amending subsection (b) to read as
13 follows:

14 “(b) APPOINTMENT.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days
16 after the date of enactment of the Interagency Com-
17 mittee on Women’s Business Enterprise Act of
18 2020, the President, in consultation with the Admin-
19 istrator, shall appoint one of the members of the
20 Interagency Committee to serve as chairperson.

21 “(2) VACANCY.—In the event that a chair-
22 person is not appointed within the time frame re-
23 quired under paragraph (1), the Deputy Adminis-
24 trator of the Small Business Administration shall
25 serve as acting chairperson of the Interagency Com-

1 mittee until a chairperson is appointed under para-
2 graph (1).”; and

3 (3) in section 404 (15 U.S.C. 7104)—

4 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
5 by striking “1995” and inserting “2020”;

6 (B) in paragraph (1), by adding “and” at
7 the end;

8 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and”
9 and inserting a period; and

10 (D) by striking paragraph (3).

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