

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To reauthorize the Interagency Committee on Women’s  
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 partic-
- 13 ipating 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”

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).