

At a Glance

Small Business Legislation

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Small Business on April 17, 2024

On April 17, 2024, the House Committee on Small Business ordered reported seven bills. This comprehensive document provides estimates for three of those bills.

- Each of the three bills would increase spending subject to appropriation by less than \$500,000.
- None of the bills would affect direct spending or revenues; thus, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.
- None of the bills would impose intergovernmental or private-sector mandates.

Details of the estimated costs of each bill are discussed in the text.

Bill	Net Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit Over the 2024-2034 Period (Millions of Dollars)	Changes in Spending Subject to Appropriation Over the 2024-2029 Period (Outlays, Millions of Dollars)	Mandate Effects?
H.R. 7988	0	*	No
H.R. 7989	0	*	No
H.R. 8014	0	*	No

* = between zero and \$500,000.

Detailed estimate begins on the next page.

Summary of Legislation

On April 17, 2024, the House Committee on Small Business ordered reported seven pieces of legislation. This document provides estimates for three of those bills. The bills would require the Small Business Administration (SBA) to update regulations for small business contracts awarded in certain areas and prepare reports.

Estimated Federal Cost

The bills' costs fall within budget function 370 (commerce and housing credit).

Basis of Estimate

For these estimates, CBO assumes that the bills will be enacted late in fiscal year 2024. The estimated costs do not include any interaction effects among the bills. If all three bills were combined and enacted as a single piece of legislation, the estimated costs could be different than the sum of the separate estimates, although CBO expects that any difference would be small.

H.R. 7988 SPUR Act

H.R. 7988 would require the SBA to consider the number of small businesses that secure a first-time federal prime contract when evaluating an agency on its contracting scorecard. A contracting scorecard is a ranking system that evaluates each agency's efforts in meeting goals for awarding contracts to small businesses.

Because the SBA already conducts scorecard evaluations and collects the required information, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2024-2029 period. Any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

H.R. 7989 ThinkDIFFERENTLY About Disability Employment Act

H.R. 7989 would require the National Council on Disability and the SBA to collaborate on employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for people with disabilities through a Memorandum of Understanding. The bill would require those entities to submit a report to the Congress on the activities carried out under the agreement and recommended opportunities for expansion. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2024-2029 period. Any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

H.R. 8014 Transparency and Predictability in Small Business Opportunities Act

H.R. 8014 would direct the SBA to disclose and publish on a single website new rules for cancelling certain solicitations, including a justification for the cancellation, the timeframe

for reissuing cancelled solicitations, and the availability of similar contracting opportunities. The rules would apply to solicitations for which two or more businesses are eligible.

The SBA already has a website where it posts similar information on solicitations; on that basis, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 8014 would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2024-2029 period. Any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Pay-As-You-Go Considerations

None of the bills would affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

Increase in Long-Term Net Direct Spending and Deficits

None of the bills would increase net direct spending or deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035.

Mandates

None of the bills contain intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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