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# H. R. 447

To amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Innovation Research Program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 26, 2011

Ms. HIRONO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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 “Small Business Inno-  
5 vation Research Enhancement Act of 2011” or the “SBIR  
6 Enhancement Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRED EXPENDITURE AMOUNTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9(f)(1)(C) of the Small  
3 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(f)(1)(C)) is amended by  
4 striking “2.5 percent” and inserting “5 percent”.

5 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by sub-  
6 section (a) shall apply to the first full fiscal year beginning  
7 after the date of enactment of this Act and to each fiscal  
8 year thereafter.

9 **SEC. 3. FURTHER ADDITIONAL MODIFICATIONS TO POLICY**  
10 **DIRECTIVES.**

11 Section 9(j) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
12 638(j)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

13 “(4) FURTHER ADDITIONAL MODIFICATIONS.—  
14 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment  
15 of this paragraph, and notwithstanding paragraph  
16 (2)(D), the Administrator shall modify the policy di-  
17 rectives issued pursuant to this subsection to provide  
18 for an increase to \$200,000 in the amount of funds  
19 which an agency may award in the first phase of an  
20 SBIR program, and to \$1,500,000 in the second  
21 phase of an SBIR program, and an adjustment of  
22 such amounts once every 5 years to reflect economic  
23 adjustments and programmatic considerations.”.

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