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# H. R. 448

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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

To amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, 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 “Small Business Inno-  
5 vation Enhancement Act of 2011”.

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

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 SBIR**  
10 **POLICY 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.”.

24 **SEC. 4. REQUIRED EXPENDITURE AMOUNTS FOR STTR.**

25 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9(n)(1)(B)(ii) of the  
26 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(n)(1)(B)(ii)) is

1 amended by striking “0.3 percent for fiscal year 2004  
2 and” and inserting “0.6 percent for”.

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

7 **SEC. 5. STTR POLICY DIRECTIVE CONTENTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9(p)(2)(B)(ix) of the  
9 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(p)(2)(B)(ix)) is  
10 amended—

11 (1) by striking “\$100,000” and “\$750,000”  
12 and inserting “\$200,000” and “\$1,500,000”, re-  
13 spectively; and

14 (2) by striking “greater or lesser amounts” and  
15 inserting “with an adjustment of such amounts once  
16 every 5 years to reflect economic adjustments and  
17 programmatic considerations, and with greater or  
18 lesser amounts”.

19 (b) TIMING.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
20 of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Small  
21 Business Administration shall modify the policy directive  
22 issued pursuant to section 9(p) of the Small Business Act  
23 (15 U.S.C. 638(p)) to reflect the amendments made by  
24 subsection (a) of this section.

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