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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. DUCKWORTH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and
referred 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 2023”.

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 first sentence the following: “In addition to

18 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

1 published research and policy independently de-
2 veloped by the Council” 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 Ad-
8 ministrator, the executive director of
9 the Council, and” before “1 represent-
10 ative”; and

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

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

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

17 “(M) The Office of Management and
18 Budget.

19 “(N) The Minority Business Development
20 Agency.

21 “(O) The Office of the Assistant Secretary
22 for Indian Affairs of the Department of the In-
23 terior.

24 “(P) The Department of Veterans Af-
25 fairs.”; and

1 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

2 (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-
3 ing “Small Business Administration
4 Reauthorization Act of 1997” and in-
5 serting “Interagency Committee on
6 Women’s Business Enterprise Act of
7 2023”; and

8 (II) in subparagraph (B)—

9 (aa) by striking “Small
10 Business”;

11 (bb) by striking “and shall
12 report directly to the Adminis-
13 trator on the status of the activi-
14 ties on the Interagency Com-
15 mittee”; and

16 (cc) by striking “National
17 Women’s Business Council estab-
18 lished under section 405” and in-
19 serting “Council”; and

20 (B) by amending subsection (b) to read as
21 follows:

22 “(b) CHAIRPERSON.—The Administrator shall serve
23 as chairperson of the Interagency Committee.”;

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

1 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
2 by striking “1995” and inserting “2023”;

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

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

7 (D) by striking paragraph (3); and

8 (4) in section 406(d)(6) (15 U.S.C.
9 7106(d)(6))—

10 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
11 (A), by inserting “and Entrepreneurship” be-
12 fore “of the Senate”; and

13 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking
14 “council” and inserting “Council”.

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