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To amend the Small Business Act to authorize a pilot program for the implementation of disaster mitigation measures by small businesses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 1999

Mr. TALENT (for himself, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. BAIRD, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

A BILL

To amend the Small Business Act to authorize a pilot program for the implementation of disaster mitigation measures by small businesses.

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 “Disaster Mitigation
5 Coordination Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(b)(1) of the Small Busi-
8 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(1)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (B), by adding “and” at
2 the end; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(C) during fiscal years 2000 through
5 2004, to establish a disaster mitigation pro-
6 gram to make such loans (either directly or in
7 cooperation with banks or other lending institu-
8 tions through agreements to participate on an
9 immediate or deferred (guaranteed) basis) as
10 the Administrator may determine to be nec-
11 essary or appropriate to enable small business
12 concerns to implement mitigation measures pur-
13 suant to a formal disaster mitigation program
14 established by the Federal Emergency Manage-
15 ment Agency, except that no loan or guarantee
16 may be extended to a small business concern
17 under this subparagraph unless the Administra-
18 tion finds the concern is otherwise unable to ob-
19 tain credit for the purposes described in this
20 subparagraph.”.

21 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
22 20 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 note) is
23 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(f) DISASTER MITIGATION PILOT PROGRAM.—The
2 following program levels are authorized for loans under
3 section 7(b)(1)(C):

4 “(1) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2000.

5 “(2) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.

6 “(3) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.

7 “(4) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.

8 “(5) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2004.”.

9 (c) EVALUATION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—On January 31, 2003, the
11 Administrator of the Small Business Administration
12 shall submit to the Committees on Small Business
13 of the House of Representatives and the Senate a
14 report on the effectiveness of the pilot program au-
15 thorized by section 7(b)(1)(C) of the Small Business
16 Act, as added by subsection (a) of this section.

17 (2) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report shall
18 include—

19 (1) information relating to—

20 (A) the areas served under the pilot pro-
21 gram;

22 (B) the number and dollar value of loans
23 made under the pilot program; and

1 (C) the estimated savings to the Federal
2 Government resulting from the pilot program;
3 and
4 (2) such other information as the Administrator
5 determines to be appropriate for evaluating the pilot
6 program.

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