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 (Shuler, D-NC)**

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, under an expected structured rule providing for one hour of general debate and making in order several amendments. The RSC will summarize each amendment made in order in a separate document.

Summary: H.R. 2352 consists of seven individual bills affecting Small Business Administration (SBA) entrepreneurship programs packed into one larger bill.

Establishment of Veterans Business Center Program: Title 1 of the legislation (H.R. 1803) establishes a Veterans Business Center program within the SBA to provide entrepreneurial training and counseling to veterans through one-on-one instruction. After a Veterans Business Center receives five years of initial grants of \$150,000, it may receive a growth funding grant of \$100,000 per year for no longer than 3 years, unless it meets performance benchmarks as established by the Administrator. The program requires a non-federal match of 50 percent of the federal funds each center. Total authorizations to carry out this section for FY2010 and FY2011 are \$23,450,000.

Educating Entrepreneurs through Today’s Technology: Title II of the bill (H.R. 1807) amends the SBA by adding a new section to provide multilingual distance training and education to potential and existing entrepreneurs through the use of technology. Specifically, they intend to utilize on-line, satellite, video on demand and connected community based organizations to distribute and conduct distance learning related to entrepreneurship, credit management, financial literacy and federal small business development programs. Total authorizations to carry out this section for FY2010 and FY2011 are \$4,000,000.

Enhancing Native American Entrepreneurship: Title III (H.R. 1834) of the bill establishes a new Office of Native American Affairs within the SBA to provide tools and strategies to increase Native American entrepreneurship. In addition, the bill sets up a

Tribal Business Information Center (TBIC), where the Administrator may provide grants for business development. Total authorizations to carry out this section for FY2010 and FY2011 total \$56,000,000.

Broadening the Women's Business Centers Program: Title IV (H.R. 1838) expands authorization levels in grants for the SBA's Women's Business Center program and standardizes the process to communicate with women's business centers regarding program administration matters, including reimbursement, regulatory matters, and programmatic changes. In addition, the bill classifies that women's grants programs are to be divided into three distinct tiers, and applies performance requirements for centers reapplying for third tier grants. Total authorizations to carry out this section for FY2010 and FY2011 total \$44,000,000.

SCORE Program Improvements: Title V of the bill (H.R. 1839) requires administrators of the Service Corps of Retired Executives Program (SCORE) to actively recruit and maintain volunteer mentors in order to increasingly reflect socially- and economically-disadvantaged sectors of the population. This section also establishes a mentoring and networking program for small business concerns to provide one-on-one advice to small business concerns from counselors. Total authorizations to carry out this section for FY2010 and FY2011 total \$14,000,000.

Expanding Entrepreneurship Act of 2009: Title VI of the bill (H.R. 1842) requires the SBA to develop a plan and submit it to Congress for creating jobs through its entrepreneurial development programs, including the agency's plan for drawing on existing programs, including Small Business Development Centers, Women's Business Centers, SCORE, Veterans' Business Outreach Centers, Native American Outreach, and other appropriate initiatives. In addition, the legislation requires the SBA to coordinate with State and local economic development agencies and other federal agencies as appropriate.

Modernizing the Small Business Development Center Program: Title VII (H.R. 1845) makes several operational and technical changes to the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Program by strengthening eligibility criteria for SBDC grantees by requiring new award recipients to be institutions of higher education that are fully accredited. According to its website, SBDC's "offer one-stop assistance to individuals and small businesses by providing a wide variety of information and guidance in central and easily accessible branch locations. The program is a cooperative effort of the private sector, the educational community and federal, state and local governments and is an integral component of Entrepreneurial Development's network of training and counseling services." Additionally, this section of the legislation establishes a green entrepreneurial development program to provide education classes in starting a business in the fields of energy efficiency, green technology, or clean technology. Total authorizations to carry out this section for FY2010 and FY2011 total \$330,000,000.

Committee Action: On May 12, 2009, the bill was introduced and referred to the Committee on Small Business. On May 13, 2009, the committee held a mark-up and ordered the bill to be reported by voice vote.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available at press time.

Cost to Taxpayers: H.R. 2352 authorizes a total of \$533 million of new spending over the next five years, subject to appropriation.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: Yes, it creates two new programs under the SBA and expands the scope of several more.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: According to House Report [111-112](#), “pursuant to clause 9 of rule XXI, H.R. 2352 does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(d), 9(e), or 9(f) of rule XXI.”

Constitutional Authority: The Small Business Committee, in House Report [111-112](#), cites constitutional authority in Article X, Section Y, Clause Z. House Rule XIII, Section 3(d)(1), requires that all committee reports contain “a statement citing the *specific powers* granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the law proposed by the bill or joint resolution.” *[emphasis added]*

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