

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 7396

AN ACT

To establish an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Native American En-
3 trepreneurial Opportunity Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS.**

5 The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is
6 amended—

7 (1) by redesignating section 49 (15 U.S.C. 631
8 note) as section 50; and

9 (2) by inserting after section 48 (15 U.S.C.
10 657u) the following:

11 **“SEC. 49. OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS.**

12 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 “(1) ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR.—The term
14 ‘Assistant Administrator’ means the Assistant Ad-
15 ministrator for Native American Affairs appointed
16 under subsection (c).

17 “(2) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’
18 has the meaning given the term ‘Indian tribe’ in sec-
19 tion 8(a)(13).

20 “(3) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The
21 term ‘Native Hawaiian Organization’ has the mean-
22 ing given the term in section 8(a)(15).

23 “(4) OFFICE.—The term ‘Office’ means the Of-
24 fice of Native American Affairs described in this sec-
25 tion.

26 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There may be established
2 within the Administration the Office of Native
3 American Affairs, which shall be responsible for es-
4 tablishing a working relationship with Indian Tribes
5 and Native Hawaiian Organizations by targeting
6 programs of the Administration relating to entrepre-
7 neurial development, contracting, and capital access
8 to—

9 “(A) establish or expand small business
10 concerns owned and controlled by individuals
11 who are members of Indian Tribes or Native
12 Hawaiian Organizations; and

13 “(B) promote economic development in In-
14 dian country (as defined in section 1151 of title
15 18, United States Code).

16 “(2) CONNECTION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS.—
17 To the extent reasonable, the Office shall educate
18 Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations
19 about programs administered by other Federal agen-
20 cies related to the interests described in paragraph
21 (1).

22 “(c) ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR.—The Office shall
23 be headed by an Assistant Administrator for Native Amer-
24 ican Affairs, who shall—

1 “(1) be appointed by and report to the Admin-
2 istrator;

3 “(2) have knowledge of Native American cul-
4 tures and experience providing culturally tailored
5 small business development assistance to Native
6 Americans;

7 “(3) provide assistance to Indian Tribes and
8 Native Hawaiian Organizations and small business
9 concerns owned and controlled by individuals who
10 are members of Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian
11 Organizations;

12 “(4) formulate policies, and promote policies
13 and existing programs, to better address the entre-
14 preneurial, capital access, business development, and
15 contracting needs of persons described in paragraph
16 (3);

17 “(5) collaborate with Associate Administrators
18 within the Administration and officials of other Fed-
19 eral agencies to develop policies and plans to imple-
20 ment programs of the Administration to holistically
21 address the needs described in paragraph (4);

22 “(6) provide assistance, including grants, con-
23 tracts, cooperative agreements, or other financial as-
24 sistance, to Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian Or-
25 ganizations, or to private nonprofit organizations

1 governed by members of Indian Tribes or Native
2 Hawaiian Organizations that have the experience
3 and capability to use the assistance to—

4 “(A) deploy training, counseling, work-
5 shops, educational outreach, and supplier
6 events; and

7 “(B) access the entrepreneurial, capital,
8 and contracting programs of the Administra-
9 tion;

10 “(7) assist the Administrator in conducting, or
11 conduct, Tribal consultation to solicit input and fa-
12 cilitate discussion of potential modifications to pro-
13 grams and procedures of the Administration; and

14 “(8) recommend annual budgets for the Office.

15 “(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—On an annual basis
16 until the termination date, the Assistant Administrator
17 shall submit to Congress a report on the effectiveness of
18 the Office of Native American Affairs that includes the
19 number of clients served in Tribal communities, the num-
20 ber of consultations conducted, and the number of
21 trainings held in Tribal country.

1 “(e) TERMINATION.—The authority under this sec-
2 tion shall terminate 7 years after the date of the enact-
3 ment of this section.”.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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