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SMALL BUSINESS UPDATE

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ISSUE WATCH – POLICIES, REGULATIONS, AND AGENCY RULEMAKING IMPACTING SMALL BUSINESSES

FY24 APPROPRIATIONS IN FULL SWING.

Republicans in the House have already begun drafting their "views and estimates" letters informing the Appropriations Committee of their priorities for the FY24 budget. The current deadline for stakeholder letters to individual members for FY24 appropriations is March 24, 2023. While the President is not expected to release his budget until March 9, 2023, Committees are gearing up for budgetary negotiations. The GOP-led House will likely prioritize cutting FY24 spending (and reference debt limit discussions), so we expect many programs will be on defense this funding cycle.

NON-COMPETES PICKING UP STEAM WITH STAKEHOLDERS.

The recently **proposed rule** by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) on banning noncompete clauses has been gaining momentum with proponents and opponents alike. While some business groups claim the proposal will hurt their model, worker-centric groups and some small business advocates are weighing in in-favor of the proposal claiming that the provisions will free up workforce space for their business. **Read more here**. Comments are due on this proposal by March 20, 2023.

BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION TARGETS "JUNK FEES."

The Biden-Harris administration has made a point to define **junk fees and reduce them** for consumers and business owners alike. However, the intent to define a junk fee could impact small businesses by limiting fees for add-ons or services offered. Prism Group anticipates that legislation will be introduced that would propose a formal definition of "junk fees" and outline industries that would be impacted.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES $339 MILLION IN SSBCI FUNDING.

The Department of the Treasury announced $339 million in State Small Business Credit Initiative funding (SSBCI) in Arkansas ($86.6 million), Rhode Island ($61.7 million), Wisconsin ($79.1. million), Guam ($58.6 million), and the Virgin Islands ($57.5 million). This latest announcement brings the total of SSBCI funding announced up to $6.6 billion, with $3.4 billion yet to be announced. For an overview of projects and programs planned for this funding, **click here**.



LEGISLATIVE WATCH – SPOTLIGHT ON CAPITAL ACCESS

- **IMPROVING CROWDFUNDING OPPORTUNITIES ACT** would reduce the regulations around crowdfunding - which allows for entities to solicit a large number of individuals to invest potentially small amounts of money. The res would allow for exemptions from certain state regulations, reporting requirements and liabilities unless the party knowingly engaged in fraudulent activities.

- **SMALL ENTREPRENEURS EMPOWERMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (SEED) ACT** would increase exemptions on disclosure requirements for those who raise $250,000 or less in capital.

- **DEVELOPING AND EMPOWERING OUR ASPIRING LEADERS ACT OF 2023** would require the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise the definition of a qualifying investment, for purposes of the exemption from registration for venture capital fund advisers under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

- **IMPROVING CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR NEWCOMERS ACT OF 2023** would amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to increase the maximum number of investors from 100 to 250 people (and from 250 to 600 if the entity is a qualified venture capital fund. It would allow funds that receive $150 million or less to be considered qualified venture capital funds (up from $10 million), thus allowing them to have a maximum of 600 donors.

- **UNLOCKING CAPITAL FOR SMALL BUSINESSES ACT OF 2023** would amend the **SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934** to create a safe harbor for finders and private placement brokers who connect venture capitalist funds to raising markets.

- **HELPING ANGELS LEAD OUR STARTUP (HALOS) ACT OF 2023** would require the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise Regulation D of its rules (17 CFR 230.500 et seq.) regarding presentations and communications so that Angel investors (or those who are considered accredited investors and want to invest their own capital into early start-ups) are not prohibited from solicitations.



COMMITTEE DEEP DIVE – THE NAMES AND FACES OF THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEES OF THE 118TH CONGRESS.

In this edition of the small business memo series, Prism Group outlines the names, faces, and key priorities of the members of the small business committees in the Senate and the House of the 118th Congress. In last month's edition, we outlined the leaders of each committee. Since our last memo, the committee member makeup and ratios in each chamber have become close to final (minus finding George Santos' replacement in the House Small Business Committee, **read more here**). We outline the committee membership and their priorities on the next page.

NEW SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

SENATE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

CHAIR – SENATOR BEN CARDIN (D-MD)



Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD) will remain Chairman of the Committee. Seen as a bipartisan dealmaker, his priorities as Chair include proposing bipartisan solutions to increase access to capital and bolster Small Business Administration lending programs for entrepreneurs. He will lead the Committee in efforts to enact contracting reforms, increase investment capital for startups, and codify the Community Advantage pilot program.

RANKING MEMBER – SENATOR JONI ERNST (R-IA)



Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA) will become the new Ranking Member of the Committee taking former Ranking Member Rand Paul's (R-KY) seat. Also known for bipartisanship, Senator Ernst's priorities on the Committee will include oversight of small business programs, reducing red tape to entrepreneurship, and advocating for tax reform for small businesses.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

CHAIR - REPRESENTATIVE ROGER WILLIAMS (R-TX-25)



Representative Roger Williams (TX-25) will serve as the new Chair of the Committee on Small Business. Representative Williams is a small business owner of 50 years; he has a family-owned car dealership and a cattle operation. His priorities as Chair will include oversight over COVID programs and policies, tax reform, and reducing barriers to business ownership.

RANKING MEMBER – CONGRESSWOMAN NYDIA VELAZQUEZ (D-NY-7)



Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez (NY-7) will remain on the Committee's leadership as the Ranking Member. Congresswoman Velazquez served as Chair in the 117th Congress. As Ranking Member, her priorities include expanding access to opportunities for women and minority-owned businesses, contracting reform, access to capital, and ensuring a stronger Small Business Administration.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP - MEMBERS

SENATOR MARIA CANTWELL (D-WA)



Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) is a long-time member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. During her time in the Senate, she has championed expanding access to capital for small businesses and entrepreneurs in addition to issues impacting women-owned businesses. In the 118th Congress, Senator Cantwell will continue advocating for new trade opportunities for small companies in Washington.

SENATOR MARCO RUBIO (R-FL)



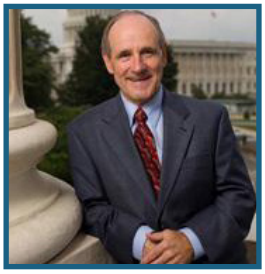
Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) has been a vocal supporter of small businesses throughout his career in Congress. Senator Rubio's priorities on the committee will include increasing innovation in small businesses and increasing access to small business exporting and small business manufacturing opportunities.

SENATOR JEANNE SHAHEEN (D-NH)



Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) is a former small business owner, and has served on the Small Business Committee in the 117th Congress. Senator Shaheen hopes to continue expanding small businesses' access to credit and increase access markets. She is a supporter of small business exporting and small business access to technology tools.

SENATOR JAMES RISCH (R-ID)



Senator James Risch (R-ID) has championed efforts to increase access to capital for small businesses in Idaho. As a former small business owner, Senator Risch's priorities will include reducing barriers that hinder access to capital, and supporting rural businesses. He is also a supporter of increasing start-up funding for small businesses and increasing innovation among the small business community.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP - MEMBERS

SENATOR CHRIS COONS (D-DE)



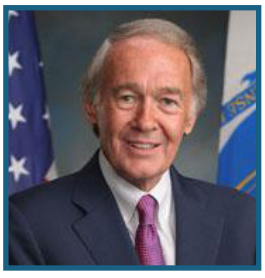
Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) has been a supporter of the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) program. His priorities on the committee will include developing skills-training opportunities for displaced workers and providing capital for minority, women, and veteran-owned businesses. Senator Coons is a proponent for expanding access to trading opportunities for small businesses through free trade agreements and is an advocate for protecting American innovation in the small business community.

SENATOR TIM SCOTT (R-SC)



Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) has long supported entrepreneurial innovation and market growth for small businesses. He is a champion for increasing equity in small business lending, increasing small business innovation, and reducing barriers to entrepreneurship. Senator Scott will continue this work on the committee with priorities that include enhancing access to capital and reducing burdens for small businesses to enter the market.

SENATOR ED MARKEY (D-MA)



Senator Ed Markey (D-MA) has been a champion for digital equity for small businesses in the 117th Congress where he championed access to broadband for small business and entrepreneurial development programs. Some of his other priorities include enhancing workforce development programs for small businesses, increasing access to technology services, and capital access.

SENATOR RAND PAUL (R-KY)



Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) served as the Ranking Member in the 117th Congress. Senator Paul's priorities on the committee include increasing access to credit and tax reforms for small firms. He is an advocate for scaling back the Small Business Administration and increasing oversight on SBA activity.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP - MEMBERS

SENATOR CORY BOOKER (D-NJ)



Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) is a staunch advocate for economic mobility and opportunity for all Americans through entrepreneurship as it relates to his work on the committee. Senator Booker will use his seat on the committee to continue advocating for equitable access to entrepreneurship (especially among underserved communities) and increasing innovative small business growth.

SENATOR TODD YOUNG (R-IN)



Senator Todd Young (R-IN) has championed initiatives to support the country's workforce through its small business opportunity. He recently championed an initiative to provide tax incentives for businesses investing in small communities and has advocated for reforms to the tax code to support small businesses. His priorities include increasing private equity access to small businesses and workforce development.

SENATOR MAZIE HIRONO (D-HI)



Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI) is a well-known advocate for serving minority-owned small businesses with an emphasis on those that are Asian-American Pacific Islander-owned. In the 118th Congress, Senator Hirono hopes to expand workforce and entrepreneurial opportunities for small businesses in Hawaii.

SENATOR JOHN KENNEDY (R-LA)



Senator John Kennedy (R-LA) has remained a vocal supporter of his state's small business owners. He has introduced legislation to increase access to capital for rural small businesses. While serving on the committee, Senator Kennedy will continue to work on reducing government regulations and tax reforms for small business owners.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP - MEMBERS

SENATOR TAMMY DUCKWORTH (D-IL)



Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) has championed policy efforts to help small business in Illinois regain momentum lost during the COVID-19 pandemic. In the 118th Congress, she will continue to prioritize workforce development programs and fair-trade practices for small businesses and farmers throughout her state. As a veteran, she is a major supporter for expanding access to entrepreneurship for veterans. She also supports procurement reform efforts to ensure small businesses can do business with the government with ease.

SENATOR JOSH HAWLEY (R-MO)



Senator Josh Hawley (R-MO) has remained a champion for innovation, entrepreneurship, and small businesses. He is an advocate for rural business owners and has championed efforts to increase workforce development opportunities with small businesses in mind. Some of his priorities this Congress include tax reform and reducing the regulatory burdens small businesses face.

SENATOR JOHN HICKENLOOPER (D-CO)



Senator John Hickenlooper (D-CO) is a former small business owner and supporter of increasing small business access to capital. His priorities on the committee will include employment readiness programs, enhancing small businesses' access to capital and reforming the Small Business Administration to become more effective in reaching entrepreneurs. He is also a known supporter of increasing access to retirement options for small business owners and employees.

SENATOR TED BUDD (R-NC)



Senator Ted Budd (NC) is a freshman senator that comes from a family of entrepreneurs. Prior to joining the Senate, Senator Budd served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives where he was a strong proponent of supporting access to capital for small business. He will continue this work on the Committee and also spend time on Internal Revenue Service and tax reforms.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS – MEMBERS

REPRESENTATIVE BLAINE LUETKEMEYER (R-MO-3)



Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer (MO-03) worked in small businesses in the banking and insurance industries for 30 years. He served as Ranking Member of the committee in the 117th Congress. His priorities include scaling back the Small Business Administration, overseeing responsible government lending, and reducing barriers to entrepreneurship and small business ownership.

REPRESENTATIVE PETE STAUBER (R-MN-8)



Representative Pete Stauber (MN-08) is serving his third term in Congress. Serving the state of Minnesota, some of Representative Stauber's priorities include protecting small businesses from IRS overreach, reducing federal spending, strengthening contracting and subcontracting for small firms, and reducing regulatory burdens on small businesses

REPRESENTATIVE DAN MEUSER (R-PA-9)



Representative Dan Meuser (PA-09) served on the Small Business Committee in the 117th Congress and is a member of the House Committee on Financial Services. His priorities include lowering taxes for small businesses, increasing access to capital, reforming the Small Business Administration, and increasing access to contracts for small businesses.

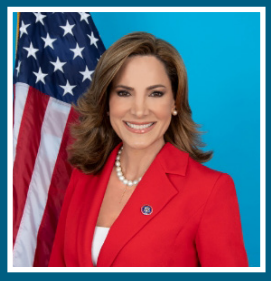
REPRESENTATIVE BETH VAN DUYNE (R-TX-24)



Representative Beth Van Duyne (TX-24) serves on the on the subcommittees on Oversight, Investigations, and Regulations and. Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access. Her priorities include correcting supply chain issues and ensuring small businesses have the resources to attract a strong workforce. She is also a champion of reducing tax and regulatory burdens on small businesses, retirement options for small businesses, and veteran business ownership.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS – MEMBERS

REPRESENTATIVE MARIA SALAZAR (R-FL-27)



Representative Maria Salazar (FL-27) is an advocate for economic and workforce development. Her priorities include expanding opportunities for skill training, providing small businesses with federal procurement opportunities, and matching employers with the right talent. Rep. Salazar is also a champion of innovative small businesses, tax simplification, and IRS oversight.

REPRESENTATIVE TRACEY MANN (R-KS-1)



Representative Tracey Mann (KS-01) represents one of the most rural districts in the country, which has made him an advocate on behalf of small farmers. Some of his priorities include revitalizing rural communities, promoting healthy market competition, and supporting small business development in rural areas. Rep. Mann is a champion of retirement for small business owners and employees, capital access, and a reduction of tax and regulatory burdens on small businesses.

REPRESENTATIVE JAKE ELLZEY (R-TX-6)



Representative Jake Ellzey (TX-06) joined Congress in 2021 and has championed issues pertaining to tax cuts and reform for small businesses, IRS oversight, and small business retirement plans, and small business manufacturing.

REPRESENTATIVE MARC MOLINARO (R-NY-19)



Rep. Marc Molinaro (NY-19) is a freshman Congressman from Upstate New York. His priorities on the committee will include addressing governmental oversight, addressing the tax code, and supporting educational and workforce opportunities to empower low-income communities.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS – MEMBERS

REPRESENTATIVE MARK ALFORD (R-MO-4)



Representative Mark Alford (MO-04) is a freshman Congressman and former small business owner. While serving on the committee, Representative Alford hopes to discuss government oversight, support working families, and increase access to capital. He recently supported legislation to support small businesses in the meat packing industry.

REPRESENTATIVE ELI CRANE (R-AZ-2)



Representative Eli Crane (AZ-02) is a freshman Congressman, veteran, and former small business owner. Some of Representative Crane's priorities will include supporting entrepreneurs, combatting inflation, and addressing tax reform.

REPRESENTATIVE AARON BEAN (R-FL-4)



Representative Aaron Bean (FL-04) is a freshman Congressman and former owner of four small businesses. He plans to use his experience to work on tax reform and government oversight issues while serving on the committee.

REPRESENTATIVE WESLEY HUNT (R-TX-38)



Representative Wesley Hunt (TX-38) is a freshman Congressman and military veteran. As an advocate for community development, some of Representative Hunt's priorities on the committee will include combatting inflation and addressing government oversight.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS – MEMBERS

REPRESENTATIVE NICK LALOTA (R-NY-1)



Representative Nick LaLota (NY-01) is a freshman Congressman and the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure. Some of Representative LaLota plans include tax reform, increased representation for small businesses, and tackling inflation.

REPRESENTATIVE JARED GOLDEN (D-ME-2)



Representative Jared Golden (ME-2) is an advocate for small businesses and farms in Rural Maine. Representative Golden is serving his third term on the committee. His priorities include access to broadband, workforce development, and reducing barriers for small businesses to grow.

REPRESENTATIVE KWEISI MFUME (D-MD-7)



Representative Kweisi Mfume (MD-7) has been an advocate for business development since his time on Baltimore's City Council. His focus on the committee will include work in employee development and protection and government oversight. He has previously championed issues including increased supplier diversity with small businesses at the center, expanding access to contracting, combatting fraud in small business lending, and improving workforce development for small businesses.

REPRESENTATIVE DEAN PHILLIPS (D-MN-3)



Vice Ranking Member Representative Dean Phillips (MN-3) is an entrepreneur and small business owner who prides himself on his ability to remain bipartisan. His priorities on the committee include government oversight, access to capital and workforce development. He is an active member of the Entrepreneurship Caucus and has supported issues including improving the Small Business Administration, supporting veteran businesses, providing tax relief for small businesses, and increasing entrepreneurial development programs.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS – MEMBERS

REPRESENTATIVE GREG LANDSMAN (D-OH-1)



Representative Greg Landsman (OH-1) is a freshman Congressman and the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access. Some of Representative Landsman's priorities will include supporting working families, employee rights, and retirement benefits.

REPRESENTATIVE MORGAN MCGARVEY (D-KY-3)



Representative Morgan McGarvey (KY-3) is a freshman Congressman. His priorities will include labor reform, wage protection and tax reform. Prior to being elected into Congress, Representative McGarvey served in the Kentucky State Senate for a decade.

REPRESENTATIVE MARIE GLUESENKAMP PEREZ (D-WA-3)



Representative Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (WA-3) is a freshman Congresswoman and former small business owner. While on the committee Representative Perez hopes to focus on tackling inflation, workforce development and wage protection. She has already supported bipartisan legislation that will work to expand access to capital for rural small businesses and entrepreneurs.

REPRESENTATIVE HILLARY SCHOLTEN (D-MI-3)



Representative Hillary Scholten (MI-3) is a newly elected Congresswoman and champion for community growth. As a member of the committee and Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure, she hopes to address infrastructure and capital investments and reduce the economic barriers communities and business owners face.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS – MEMBERS

REPRESENTATIVE SHRI THANEDAR (D-MI-13)



Representative Shri Thanedar (MI-13) is a newly elected Congressman and retired business owner. After selling his business, Representative Thanedar took up a career in public service. His priorities on the committee will include wage protection for workers, workforce training and fair trade. He has already supported legislative initiatives that would expand access to capital for small businesses.

REPRESENTATIVE JUDY CHU (D-CA-28)



Representative Judy Chu (CA-28) has been a longtime advocate of small business development programs. Continuing her work of supporting these programs, Representative Chu's priorities include increasing education and training, job creation, and reducing the barriers to starting a business.

REPRESENTATIVE SHARICE DAVIDS (D-KS-3)



Representative Sharice Davids (KS-3) has spent her career focused on economic and community development. Some of her time on the committee in this Congress will be spent focusing on supporting veteran and female entrepreneurs, workers' rights, and job creation. She is a supporter of Small Business Administration entrepreneurial development programs, rural entrepreneurship, and was a supporter of ensuring PPP dollars went to businesses that needed it most.

REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS PAPPAS (D-NH-1)



Representative Chris Pappas (NH-1) is a small business owner and advocate. He plans to spend some of his time on the committee supporting job training and technical education programs, increasing access to capital for small businesses, and reducing the regulatory barriers entrepreneurs face.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT – UPDATES FROM THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY

LAEL BRAINARD TO LEAD THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL.

President Biden tapped Federal Reserve Vice Chair **Lael Brainard** to lead the National Economic Council at the White House. She will take the position left vacant by economic advisor Brian Deese. This transition comes at a time when the Fed on payments, central bank digital currency, and the Community Reinvestment Act are top of mind. In the Fed, all eyes will now turn now towards Brainard's replacement.

READOUT ON HEARING ON ACCESS TO CAPITAL FOR ENTREPRENEURS

The Subcommittee on Capital Markets held a hearing entitled "**Empowering Entrepreneurs: Removing Barriers to Capital Access for Small Businesses.**" The hearing examined policies designed to reduce barriers preventing small businesses and entrepreneurs from accessing capital and reaching their potential. The witness panel consisted of venture capitalists and researchers to attest to the barriers and regulatory issues small businesses face in capital markets. There was bipartisan support for the need to create further policy and regulatory movement that enables small businesses access to capital, especially those in underserved and rural markets. To view the Prism Group readout of the hearing, **click here**.

SBA HOSTS REGULATORY ROUNDTABLE TO DISCUSS FINANCIAL SERVICES RULES.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Advocacy hosted a virtual roundtable to discuss the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's (FinCEN) Proposed Rules in financial services. **FinCEN's rule** establishes new guidelines for beneficial ownership disclosures.

The CFPB proposed three rules that would

- Change the limitation to **Credit Card Fees** to $8 from $30;
- Require non-bank covered entities subject to final public orders from any government agency to **submit them to a registry**; and,
- Require non-bank entities subject to a supervisory authority to register in a **non-bank registration system** about their terms and conditions contracts that pose risks to consumers.

Banks were heavily represented at the roundtable. View the Prism Group **readout here**.

SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

President Biden gave small businesses a shoutout in the State of the Union Address on Tuesday, February 7, 2023. The President noted the record-breaking number of small business applications (10 million) over the last two years and contended that new business creation will be critical to achieving greater economic growth in the years ahead. **Re-watch it here**.

STATE WATCH – SMALL BUSINESS BILLS IN STATE LEGISLATURES

CONNECTICUT HB 6342 would increase the amount of **research and development tax credits** a taxpayer may utilize in an income year. The bill has been referred to the Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue, and Bonding.

MARYLAND HB 493 establishes the Office of Climate Change Assistance for Small Businesses in the Department of Commerce and authorizes the Office to assist small businesses with issues related to a transition to advanced clean energy and to development of certain climate resilience strategies. This bill will be heard on 2/16 in the House Ways and Means Committee.

MARYLAND SB 189 would authorize the disclosure of certain tax information to the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board for the purposes of administering the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Program and Trust. The bill has passed favorably with amendments out of the Budget and Taxation Committee.

MINNESOTA SF 463 creates a **small business tax credit for paid family leave** benefits. The bill has been referred to the Senate Taxes Committee.

MICHIGAN Governor Gretchen Whitmer (D) presented a $79 billion **state budget** for 2024. The budget includes an increased Earned Income Tax Credit – a priority for the Governor - and would allocate $800 million for new businesses in the state.

MISSOURI SB 586 would prohibit any person from engaging in the business of **earned wage access** services without registering with the Division of Finance by filling out a registration form and paying a $1,000 registration fee. It has been introduced but not referred to a committee.

MISSISSIPPI SB 2648 would create requirements for the **earned wage access** providers in the state. The bill passed out of the Senate.

NEW JERSEY A 4749/S 3204 would require the New Jersey Business Action Center to collect and produce certain information to assist small businesses. The bills were combined into A 4749 which passed both Houses on 2/3/23.

SOUTH CAROLINA HB 3964 would add an amendment to provide tax credits for a taxpayer who contracts with a small business and requires the business to hire more full time employees. The bill was introduced this week and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

VIRGINIA HB 2043 increases tax credits and research and development expenses through 2024. The bill has passed out of the House Finance Committee and sent to the Appropriations Committee.

VIRGINIA SB 1217 requires all **earned wage access** services to geta license from the State Corporation Commission. The bill has passed the Senate and been sent to the House Committee on Commerce and Energy.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2023

MARCH 8 – 10, 2023:

Association of Women's Business Centers 2023 Fly-In. AWBC will host a fly-in, kicking off the week of advocacy with a **reception** supporting women's entrepreneurship in honor of International Women's Day. The rest of the week will be spent meeting with policymakers and Agency leadership discussing AWBC's policy priorities and key issues impacting the women's entrepreneurial community. Register to join the reception **here**.

MARCH 16, 2023:

Small Business Roundtable's Entrepreneurship Exchange 2023. Small Business Roundtable (**SBR**) is hosting the second Entrepreneurship Exchange 2023 (**EX23**) in London, U.K., as a half-day symposium focused on the global state of entrepreneurship. This event will bring together small business leaders, entrepreneurs, and experts from across the globe to explore policy issues impacting entrepreneurs, industry trends, economic development, the future of small business, and more. Learn more about the international event **here**.

MARCH 23, 2023:

U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. is hosting its **Annual Women of Power Luncheon**. The event will recognize our 2023 Power 50 honorees and the distinct skills they each contribute to their companies, communities, and families. In addition to honoring our honorees, we are excited to announce that we will be hosting a panel discussion with select honorees from our Power 50 list. Learn more **here**.

APRIL 2023

APRIL 30 - MAY 6, 2023:

SBA's National Small Business Week. For more than 50 years, the SBA has celebrated National Small Business Week, which recognizes the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. Learn more about this year's event, award categories, media opportunities, and more **here**.

MAY 2023

MAY 1 - MAY 4, 2023:

The Association for Enterprise Opportunity is hosting its **Annual Conference** in Detroit Michigan. The 2023 Conference theme, *(Re)route: Reconnecting the Ecosystem*, will serve as the rally point for small business advocates, microlenders, and small business owners to propose practical and policy solutions that can catalyze tangible change. The conference will feature working groups on critical topics, tailored tracks for business owners and practitioners, and insightful plenary sessions. To learn more, **click here**.

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