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To require the Secretary of Commerce to develop artificial intelligence training resources and toolkits for United States small businesses, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MORAN (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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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 “Small Business Artifi-
5 cial Intelligence Training Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TRAINING RESOURCES**

7 **FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
2 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
3 gress” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
5 and Transportation and the Committee on
6 Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the
7 Senate; and

8 (B) the Committee on Science, Space, and
9 Technology and the Committee on Small Busi-
10 ness of the House of Representatives.

11 (2) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—The term “ar-
12 tificial intelligence” has the meaning given such
13 term in section 5002 of the William M. (Mac)
14 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
15 Fiscal Year 2021 (15 U.S.C. 9401).

16 (3) CENTER.—The term “Center” has the
17 meaning given such term in section 25(a) of the Na-
18 tional Institute of Standards and Technology Act
19 (15 U.S.C. 278k(a)).

20 (4) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
21 the Director of the National Institute of Standards
22 and Technology.

23 (5) HOLLINGS MANUFACTURING EXTENSION
24 PARTNERSHIP.—The term “Hollings Manufacturing
25 Extension Partnership” has the meaning given such

1 term in section 25(a) of the National Institute of
2 Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278k(a)).

3 (6) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”
4 has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the
5 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance
6 Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

7 (7) KEY EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES.—The term
8 “key emerging technologies” means the technologies
9 included in the initial list of key technology focus
10 areas set forth by section 10387(c) of the Research
11 and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act
12 (42 U.S.C. 19107(c)), photonics, and electronics.

13 (8) RURAL COMMUNITY.—The term “rural
14 community” means a community that is located in
15 areas that are not classified as urban by the Bureau
16 of the Census.

17 (9) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
18 the Secretary of Commerce.

19 (10) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.—The term
20 “small business concern” has the meaning given
21 such term in section 3(a) of the Small Business Act
22 (15 U.S.C. 632(a)).

23 (b) DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINING RESOURCES RE-
24 QUIRED.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
3 shall, acting through the Director, the Hollings
4 Manufacturing Extension Partnership, and the Cen-
5 ters and in consultation and coordination with the
6 Administrator of the Small Business Administration,
7 the Secretary of Agriculture, and such persons in
8 the private sector as the Secretary of Commerce con-
9 siders appropriate, develop training resources for
10 small business concerns, including small business
11 concerns located in rural, Tribal, or underserved
12 communities or involved in advanced manufacturing,
13 relating to the adoption and use of artificial intel-
14 ligence and such other key emerging technologies,
15 such as quantum-hybrid computing, as the Secretary
16 considers appropriate.

17 (2) CONTENTS.—The training resources devel-
18 oped under paragraph (1) shall include prompt engi-
19 neering and the use of artificial intelligence or
20 emerging technologies, such as quantum hybrid
21 tools, relating to access to credit and capital, finan-
22 cial management and accounting, business planning
23 and operations, cybersecurity, marketing, supply
24 chain management, government contracting, and ex-
25 porting.

1 (c) REVIEW AND UPDATE OF TRAINING RE-
2 SOURCES.—Not later than 18 months after the date of
3 the enactment of this Act, and not less frequently than
4 once each year thereafter, the Secretary shall, in consulta-
5 tion with the Administrator of the Small Business Admin-
6 istration—

7 (1) review the training resources developed pur-
8 suant to subsection (b); and

9 (2) update such resources as the Secretary con-
10 siders appropriate.

11 (d) DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF TRAINING RE-
12 SOURCES.—The Secretary shall coordinate with the Ad-
13 ministrator of the Small Business Administration on the
14 distribution and use of the training resources that are de-
15 veloped pursuant to subsection (b) through the resource
16 partners of the Small Business Administration, including
17 small business development centers, women business cen-
18 ters, SCORE, veteran business opportunity centers, and
19 the Apex Accelerator.

20 (e) GRANTS PROGRAM.—The Secretary may, in co-
21 ordination with the Administrator of the Small Business
22 Administration, carry out a program on the award of
23 grants to persons providing training relating to artificial
24 intelligence to small business concerns using the training
25 resources developed under subsection (b).

1 (f) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

2 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year
3 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
4 retary shall submit to the appropriate committees of
5 Congress a report on the development, distribution,
6 and use of the training resources developed pursuant
7 to subsection (b).

8 (2) ANNUAL REPORTS.—

9 (A) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than
10 2 years after the date of the enactment of this
11 Act, and not less frequently than once each
12 year thereafter, the Secretary shall, in consulta-
13 tion with the Administrator of the Small Busi-
14 ness Administration, submit to appropriate
15 committees of Congress an annual report on the
16 development, distribution, and use of training
17 resources developed pursuant to subsection (b).

18 (B) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted to
19 subparagraph (A) shall include, for the period
20 of covered by the report, the following:

21 (i) A list of the training resources de-
22 veloped pursuant to subsection (b).

23 (ii) A description of the measurable
24 outcomes of the distribution of such train-
25 ing resources, including the following:

1 (I) The number and type of small
2 business concerns using such training
3 resources.

4 (II) The effect of such use on the
5 revenues, sales, and workforces of the
6 small business concerns.

7 (g) SUNSET.—The authorities and requirements
8 under this section shall terminate on the date that is 3
9 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.