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S. 3586

To amend the Small Business Act to require small business development centers to assist small business concerns with the use of artificial intelligence, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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 “AI for Mainstreet
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTEL-**
2 **LIGENCE FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 21(c)(3) of the Small
4 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648(c)(3)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (T), by striking “and” at
6 the end;

7 (2) in the first subparagraph (U) (relating to
8 encouraging and assisting the provision of succession
9 planning), by striking the period at the end and in-
10 serting a semicolon;

11 (3) by redesignating the second subparagraph
12 (U) (relating to providing training in conjunction
13 with the United States Patent and Trademark Of-
14 fice) as subparagraph (V);

15 (4) in subparagraph (V), as so redesignated, by
16 striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”;
17 and

18 (5) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(W) assisting small business concerns in evalu-
20 ating artificial intelligence concerning operations, in-
21 cluding by—

22 “(i) providing information, guidance, and
23 training to small business concerns on the use
24 of artificial intelligence, including—

25 “(I) best practices for using artificial
26 intelligence;

1 “(II) using artificial intelligence to
 2 plan for unexpected circumstances, protect
 3 data and intellectual property, improve cy-
 4 bersecurity, facilitate regulatory compli-
 5 ance, and improve customer trust; and

6 “(III) incorporating artificial intel-
 7 ligence into business operations; and

8 “(ii) conducting outreach to the extent
 9 practical to small business concerns regarding
 10 the use of artificial intelligence.”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3 of the
 12 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632) is amended by adding
 13 at the end the following:

14 “(gg) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—In this Act, the
 15 term ‘artificial intelligence’ has the meaning given the
 16 term in section 5002 of the National Artificial Intelligence
 17 Initiative Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C. 9401).”.

18 (c) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—No additional amounts
 19 are authorized to carry out this Act or the amendments
 20 made by this Act.

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