

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

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October 29, 2025

Start: 10:59 a.m.

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HELD AT: 250 BROADWAY - 8TH FLOOR - HEARING
ROOM 2

B E F O R E: Oswald Feliz, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Erik D. Bottcher
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
Shekar Krishnan
Susan Zhuang

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Sound check for the
3 Committee on Small Business. Today's date is October
4 29, 2025, being recorded by Danny Huang in the
5 Hearing Room 2.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good afternoon, and
7 welcome to the New York City vote on the Committee on
8 Small Business.

9 Please silence all electronic devices at
10 this time.

11 Also, please do not approach the dais.

12 Chair, we are ready to begin.

13 CHAIRPERSON FELIZ: [GAVEL] Thank you.
14 Good morning, everyone. I'm Oswald Feliz, and I serve
15 as Chair to the Committee on Small Business. I would
16 like to first start off by thanking everyone for
17 joining us today. I would also like to thank my
18 Staff, the Committee Staff, and my Colleagues who
19 have joined us today including Council Members
20 Zhuang, Selvena Brooks-Powers, Shekar Krishnan, and
21 Erik Bottcher.

22 Despite the resources that are available,
23 navigating New York City's complex regulatory
24 environment remains a challenge for our city's small
25 businesses. Each business has unique circumstances,

but it is in the city's collective interest to ensure that small businesses can effectively understand and comply with applicable regulations. My bill will do just that. Introduction 1132-A would require that the Department of Small Business Services coordinate with other agencies to develop targeted outreach programs in each borough. It would require that SBS develop these programs with the intent of assisting similarly situated small businesses within each borough, and SBS would be responsible for doing this outreach on an annual basis. In addition to borough-by-borough outreach, this bill would also require SBS to report annually on the type of education services offered, the total number of services offered, and the disaggregated by borough as well as the primary business sector these services are designed to assist. My hope is that this legislation leads to meaningful and equitable assistance to small businesses across all five boroughs and that its reporting provisions establish a strong foundation for continued improvement in how the City serves its small businesses.

I'll now ask the Clerk to call the vote.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: William
3 Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call vote, Committee on
4 Small Business on Proposed Introduction 1132-A.

5 Chair Feliz.

6 CHAIRPERSON FELIZ: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brooks-
8 Powers.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Bottcher.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Krishnan.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KRISHNAN: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ung.
15 Zhuang.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ZHUANG: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Paladino.

18 With a vote of five in the affirmative,
19 zero in the negative, and no abstentions, item has
20 been adopted by the Committee.

21 CHAIRPERSON FELIZ: [GAVEL] Thank you so
22 much. This hearing is hereby adjourned.

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World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date November 3, 2025