

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. WATERS OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of title VIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 845. PREFERENCE FOR POTENTIAL CONTRACTORS**
2 **THAT CARRY OUT CERTAIN ACTIVITIES.**

3 In evaluating offers submitted in response to a solicitation for contracts, the Secretary of Defense shall provide
4 a preference to any offeror that—

6 (1) enhances undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs in science, technology, engineering
7 and math (in this section referred to as “STEM”
8 disciplines);

10 (2) makes investments, such as programming and curriculum development, in STEM programs
11 within elementary and secondary schools;

13 (3) encourages employees to volunteer in Title I schools in order to enhance STEM education and
14 programs;

16 (4) makes personnel available to advise and assist faculty at such colleges and universities in the
17 performance of STEM research and disciplines critical to the functions of the Department of Defense;
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1 (5) establishes partnerships between the offeror
2 and historically Black colleges and universities and
3 minority institutions for the purpose of training stu-
4 dents in scientific disciplines;

5 (6) awards scholarships and fellowships, and es-
6 tablishes cooperative work-education programs in
7 scientific disciplines; or

8 (7) conducts recruitment activities at histori-
9 cally black colleges and universities and other minor-
10 ity-serving institutions or offers internships or ap-
11 prenticeships.

