

RAMP for Innovator Act of 2025

Research Advancing to Market Production for Innovators Act of 2025 (S1660/HR3239) was introduced by Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) and is cosponsored by Senator John Curtis (R-UT). In the House, the companion legislation is led by Representatives Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA) and Troy Balderson (R-OH).

Recognizing that many promising innovations struggle to transition from federally funded research to market-ready products, the RAMP Act focuses on streamlining processes and providing targeted support to bridge this "valley of death" for small businesses.

Key Provisions of S.1660/HR3239:

1. **Enhanced Commercialization Support:** The bill proposes measures to strengthen the commercialization phase of the SBIR and STTR programs, ensuring that small businesses receive the necessary support to bring their innovations to market. Requires participating federal agencies to designate a Commercialization Assistance Coordinator and provide flexible technical and business assistance.
2. **Streamlined Processes:** It authorizes agencies to implement a "fast-track" award mechanism for transitioning high-potential projects between SBIR/STTR phases more rapidly, reducing administrative delays.
3. **Increased Funding Opportunities:** The legislation seeks to provide increased flexibility for funding avenues or incentives to encourage small businesses to pursue commercialization of their research outcomes.
4. **Collaboration with Agencies:** The bill encourages collaboration between small businesses and federal agencies to identify and overcome challenges in the commercialization pathway, including access to the National Science Foundation's I-Corps training program or other federal commercialization resources.
5. **Monitoring and Evaluation:** It includes provisions for monitoring the effectiveness of the enhanced commercialization efforts and making necessary adjustments based on feedback and outcomes using metrics-based assessments.