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**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 solici-
4 tation for contracts, the Secretary of Defense shall provide
5 a preference to any offeror that—

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

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

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

16 (4) makes personnel available to advise and as-
17 sist faculty at such colleges and universities in the
18 performance of STEM research and disciplines crit-
19 ical to the functions of the Department of Defense;

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.

