

### At a Glance

## H.R. 3686, Ski Hill Resources for Economic Development Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 13, 2022

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2023	2023-2027	2023-2032
Direct Spending (Outlays)	<b>5</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>440</b>
Revenues	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	<b>5</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>440</b>
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2033?	<b>&lt; \$5 billion</b>	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	<b>No</b>
		Contains private-sector mandate?	<b>No</b>

**The bill would**

- Authorize the Forest Service to spend ski area rental fees without further appropriation

**Estimated budgetary effects would mainly stem from**

- Spending of ski area rental fees without further appropriation

**Detailed estimate begins on the next page.**



## Bill Summary

H.R. 3686 would authorize the Forest Service to spend, without further appropriation, rental fees that it collects from ski resorts operating on Forest Service land.

## Estimated Federal Cost

The estimated budgetary effect of H.R. 3686 is shown in Table 1. The costs of the legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

<b>Table 1. Estimated Budgetary Effects of H.R. 3686, the Ski Hill Resources for Economic Development Act</b>												
<b>By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars</b>												
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2023-2027	2023-2032
<b>Increases in Direct Spending</b>												
Estimated Budget Authority	50	50	55	55	55	60	60	60	60	65	265	570
Estimated Outlays	5	20	30	40	55	55	55	60	60	60	150	440

## Basis of Estimate

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted by the end of 2022. The bill would take effect 60 days after enactment; thus, estimated spending under the bill would begin about midway through fiscal year 2023.

## Direct Spending

Under current law, rental fees from ski areas are recorded in the budget as offsetting receipts, or reductions in direct spending, and are deposited into the Treasury. Over the 2016-2020 period, the Forest Service collected \$46 million annually, on average, in such fees.

H.R. 3686 would authorize the Forest Service to spend those fees without further appropriation for administering the ski area program, providing visitor services, repairing, and maintaining roads and facilities, preventing wildfires, and other purposes within ski areas.

CBO projects that under current law, the Forest Service will collect between \$50 million and \$65 million annually in rental fees over the 2023-2032 period. (H.R. 3686 would not affect the amounts collected.) Based on historical spending patterns for similar activities, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3686 would increase direct spending by \$150 million over the 2023-2027 period and \$440 million over the 2023-2032 period.



## **Pay-As-You-Go Considerations**

The Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 establishes budget-reporting and enforcement procedures for legislation affecting direct spending or revenues. The net changes in outlays that are subject to those pay-as-you-go procedures are shown in Table 1.

## **Increase in Long-Term Deficits**

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3686 would not increase on-budget deficits by more than \$5 billion in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2033.

**Mandates:** None.

## **Previous CBO Estimate**

On March 15, 2022, CBO transmitted a [cost estimate for S. 1964](#), the Ski Hill Resources for Economic Development Act of 2021, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on January 19, 2022. The two bills are similar; the estimated direct spending for S. 1964 is lower because that estimate does not include spending for fiscal year 2032, which is included in the estimate for H.R. 3686.

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