Congressional Budget Office
Cost Estimate

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H.R. 1105, Debbie Smith Act of 2023

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on September 28, 2023

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2024	2024-2028	2024-2033
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	423	755

Increases *net direct spending* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No
		Mandate Effects	
Increases *on-budget deficits* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 1105 would authorize the appropriation of $151 million annually over the 2025-2029 period for the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program. Under the program, the Department of Justice (DOJ) awards grants to state and local governments to analyze DNA samples, improve DNA sample collection, prosecute violent crime cold cases, and undertake other work related to criminal investigations. Under current law, the annual authorization of $151 million for this program expires at the end of fiscal year 2024. (In 2023, the Congress provided $130 million for this program.)

Based on the historical spending patterns for this program, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1105 would cost $423 million over the 2024-2028 period and $332 million after 2028, assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 1105

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars					
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2024-2028
Estimated Authorization	0	151	151	151	151	604
Estimated Outlays	0	30	91	151	151	423

See also
CBO's Cost Estimates Explained, *CBO Describes Its Cost-Estimating Process*, *Glossary*

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