

H.R. 7122, Stop Support for United Nations Relief and Works Agency Act of 2024

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on February 6, 2024

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2024	2024-2029	2024-2034
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	not estimated
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No
		Mandate Effects	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

* = between zero and \$500,000.

H.R. 7122 would prohibit the federal government from making any voluntary or assessed contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), the international agency that provides humanitarian and other assistance to Palestinians in the Middle East. Subject to certification by the Department of State, the bill would allow contributions to other entities that could provide such humanitarian assistance.

Over the 2021-2023 period, U.S. funding for UNRWA averaged \$350 million a year. According to the Administration, in fiscal year 2024 it provided about \$122 million to UNRWA before suspending financial support in January 2024.

CBO estimates that under the bill, the Administration would redirect any pending or future contributions to other entities; thus, the prohibition would change which entities receive U.S. support but would not substantially affect the amount of humanitarian support provided for Palestinians.

Based on the costs of similar activities, CBO further estimates that providing the certifications required under the bill would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2024-2029 period. Any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

See also

[CBO's Cost Estimates Explained](#), [CBO Describes Its Cost-Estimating Process](#), [Glossary](#)



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