

H.R. 7152, Divided Families National Registry Act

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)	*	*	*
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?	Yes
		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. 7152 would require the Department of State to facilitate meetings between Korean Americans who wish to reunite with family members in North Korea by creating a private, voluntary registry of Korean Americans who are interested in reunions and assisting with in-person or video reunions. The bill also would encourage the department, in consultation with the government of the Republic of Korea, to ensure that any direct dialogue between the United States and North Korea includes the issue of reunions.

The department would be required to report to the Congress on its efforts annually for five years following the enactment of H.R. 7152.

On the basis of information about the cost of similar activities, CBO estimates implementing the bill would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2024-2029 period. Any funding 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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