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COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4254
Women in Aerospace Education Act

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
on November 15, 2017*

H.R. 4254 would modify the requirements of certain National Science Foundation (NSF) programs that promote wider participation by women in internships and fellowships with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Department of Energy's national laboratories. Those changes would apply to NSF grants awarded on or after October 1, 2018. The bill also would require NASA to prioritize the recruitment of qualified women and people in other historically underrepresented groups in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and in computer science internships and fellowships.

CBO expects that implementing H.R. 4254 could lead to a small increase in the administrative work of the NSF and NASA to modify program requirements and to ensure compliance. Using information from those agencies, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2018-2022 period; any such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting H.R. 4254 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4254 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 4254 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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