

H.R. 1331, Local Water Protection Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on March 27, 2019

Millions of Dollars	2019	2019-2024	2019-2029
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Deficit Effect	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	810	1,000
Pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2030?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

Under current law, states are required to submit reports to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding nonpoint sources of pollution that affect navigable water within the state. They also must submit plans to EPA to manage that pollution and improve the quality of navigable water. EPA provides grants to assist states in implementing programs to manage nonpoint source pollution and in carrying out other activities to protect groundwater quality. In 2018, \$167 million was appropriated for those purposes.

H.R. 1331 would authorize the appropriation of \$200 million each year over the 2020-2024 period for those grant programs. Assuming appropriation of the specified amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$810 million over the 2020-2024 period and \$190 million after 2024 (see Table 1). The costs of the legislation fall in budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 1331

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars							2019-2024
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		
Authorization	0	200	200	200	200	200	1,000	
Estimated Outlays	0	30	180	200	200	200	810	

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