

H.R. 1359, Digital Global Access Policy Act of 2019

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on April 9, 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	17	n.e.
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
n.e. = not estimated.			

H.R. 1359 would direct the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to collaborate with other agencies, international organizations, foreign governments, and other entities to promote the availability of access to the Internet in developing countries. In addition, the bill would require the Administration to report to the Congress on its policy to promote such access.

The Department of State and USAID indicate that upon enactment of H.R.1359 they would hire 25 full-time employees (at an average compensation of about \$126,000 in 2020) to support efforts to improve Internet infrastructure in developing countries, encourage digital literacy programs, and provide technical advice.

After adjusting for inflation, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1359 would cost \$17 million over the 2020-2024 period (see Table 1). The cost of the legislation fall in budget function 150 (international affairs).

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 1359

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2019-2024
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Estimated Authorization	0	3	3	3	4	4	17
Estimated Outlays	0	3	3	3	4	4	17

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