

H.R. 97, Rescuing Animals With Rewards 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	0	0
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

H.R. 97 would authorize the Department of State to pay cash for information about wildlife trafficking. The department currently pays cash awards from appropriated funds to deter transnational organized crime. The bill would include wildlife trafficking such as poaching and illegal trade in wildlife as a form of transnational organized crime. However, the department is already using the program to offer rewards for that purpose.

Because the bill is codifying current practice, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 97 would not affect the federal budget.

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