

H.R. 1654, Federal Register Modernization Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on May 15, 2019

By Fiscal Year, 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)	*	*	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; * = between -\$500,000 and zero.			

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Under H.R. 1654, OFR would no longer be required to print the *Federal Register* or the CFR, but would be required to continue making it available online. CBO expects that under H.R. 1654 fewer copies of the *Federal Register* and CFR would be printed; however, we estimate that any decreased costs over the next five years would be insignificant because most of the costs associated with the submission of those documents involve their preparation, not their duplication.

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