

H.R. 2142, A bill to amend the Small Business Act to require the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman to create a centralized website for compliance guides, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Small Business on May 1, 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)	0	*	n.e.
Statutory 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 zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 2142 would require the Small Business Administration’s (SBA’s) Office of the National Ombudsman to maintain a public website with links to small-entity compliance guides issued by federal agencies and those agencies’ contact information. Federal agencies create small-entity compliance guides to assist small businesses in complying with federal rules and regulations. Under the bill, the National Ombudsman would assess the extent to which federal agencies are publishing those guides.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2142 would have an insignificant cost. The Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002 already requires the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the SBA, to post small-entity compliance guides online each year. The agency’s compliance contacts are posted as well. Any additional spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is David Hughes. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.