

H.R. 2530, MSPB Interim Stay Authority Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Reform on June 12, 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. 2530 would amend the authorities of the Merit System Protection Board (MSPB) when the board lacks a quorum of members. The board consists of three members and only two may be members of the same political party. Currently there are no appointed members on the board. The bill would allow the MSPB General Counsel to issue a stay of an adverse personnel action in the absence of any board members until the first board member is confirmed by the Senate. In addition, the bill would allow one board member to issue a stay of an adverse personnel action if a quorum is not available.

Using information from the MSPB and the Congressional Research Service regarding the use of stays and the number of MSPB board members, CBO estimates that the cost of implementing H.R. 2530 would not be significant because it would not impose additional administrative costs on the MSPB or other agencies.

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