

S. 2065, Deepfake Report Act of 2019

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on July 24, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2019	2019-2024	2019-2029
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	*	*
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
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

S. 2065 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to submit five annual reports to the Congress on digital content forgeries, also known as “deepfakes.” Such forgeries manipulate digital content, such as videos, with the intent to mislead the viewer. The bill would require DHS to assess the use of digital content forgeries by foreign entities and evaluate available methods of detecting and mitigating such threats.

On the basis of information from DHS and considering information about similar reporting requirements, CBO estimates that enacting S. 2065 would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2019-2024 period. Such spending would be subject to availability of appropriated funds.

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