

H.R. 925, North American Wetlands Conservation Extension Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on September 25, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2024	2020-2029
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	15	195	300
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

H.R. 925 would authorize the appropriation of \$60 million annually over the 2020-2024 period for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to carry out the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Under that act, USFWS awards competitive grants for projects to conserve wetlands in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. In 2019, the agency received an appropriation of \$42 million to carry out those activities.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, and based on historical spending patterns for the program, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 925 would cost \$195 million over the 2020-2024 period and \$105 million after 2024.

The costs of the legislation (detailed in Table 1) fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 925

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars											2020-2024	2020-2029
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029			
Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation													
Authorization	60	60	60	60	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	300
Estimated Outlays	15	30	42	51	57	45	30	18	9	3	195	300	

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