

**S. 2166, Regional Ocean Partnership Act**

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation 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	45	62
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
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

S. 2166 would designate four Regional Ocean Partnerships which would consist of coastal states that share a common ocean or coastal area. The bill also would create a process for other groups of two or more coastal states to apply for recognition as such a partnership. Those partnerships would coordinate actions between the state and federal governments to conserve shared coastal resources and liaise with international counterparts.

The bill would authorize the appropriation of specific amounts that total \$62 million over the 2020-2025 period for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide grants to those partnerships to complete the activities authorized under S. 2166.

Based on historical spending patterns for the similar activities, and assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2166 would cost \$45 million over the 2019-2024 period and \$17 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 S. 2166**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars											2019-2024	2019-2029
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029		
Authorization	0	10	10	10	10	10	11	0	0	0	0	51	62
Estimated Outlays	0	6	8	10	10	10	10	4	2	*	0	45	62

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding; \* = between zero and \$500,000.

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