

H.R. 4031, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2019

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on September 20, 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)	0	973	2,125
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. 4031 would authorize appropriations totaling \$2.125 billion over the 2022-2026 period for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. That initiative, led by the Environmental Protection Agency, provides funding to state, local, and tribal governments, institutions of higher learning, and nonprofit organizations to support programs and projects to protect and restore the Great Lakes. Currently, \$300 million is authorized to be appropriated for the program in 2020 and 2021 and the Congress appropriated \$300 million in 2019 for that purpose.

Assuming appropriation of the specified amounts and based on historical spending patterns, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$973 million over the 2022-2024 period). The cost of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, falls within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

**Table 1.
Estimated Budgetary Effects of H.R. 4031**

	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												
Estimated Budget Authority	0	0	375	400	425	450	475	0	0	0	1,200	2,125
Estimated Outlays	0	0	244	335	394	436	461	161	70	24	973	2,125

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