

H.R. 2153, Keeping Girls in School Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on October 30, 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)	*	18	not estimated
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.			

H.R. 2153 would authorize the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to undertake projects to improve secondary-school attendance by girls. USAID operates two programs in Africa targeted at secondary school girls. Those programs are expected to operate for five years at a total cost of about \$20 million. CBO estimates that replicating those efforts in two countries in Latin America and two countries in Asia would require additional appropriations of \$8 million annually and cost \$18 million over the 2020-2024 period.

H.R. 2153 also would require USAID to report regularly to the Congress on its activities under the bill. Lastly, it would require the Department of State and USAID to review and periodically update a global strategy to empower adolescent girls. On the basis of information about costs to prepare similar reports and strategies, CBO estimates that satisfying those requirements would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2020-2024 period.

In total, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2153 would cost \$18 million over the 2020-2024 period (see Table 1). Such spending would be subject to the appropriation of the estimated amounts.

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 2153

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars					2020-2024
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Estimated Authorization	8	8	8	8	8	40
Estimated Outlays	*	1	4	6	7	18

* = between zero and \$500,000.

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