

## S. 2782, a bill to improve provisions of law relating to sexual harassment and assault prevention at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on November 13, 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)  | *    | *                                   | not estimated |
| 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            |
| * = between zero and \$500,000.  |      |                                     |               |

S. 2782 would require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to allow anonymous reporting of incidents of sexual harassment and sexual assault involving NOAA employees. The bill also would require that an investigation into any such reports begin within 48 hours of the incident being reported and that any evidence of a crime be referred to law enforcement officials.

Using information about NOAA's current sexual assault and sexual harassment policy, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2782 would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2020-2024 period. Any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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