

S. 995, Lifespan Respite Care Reauthorization Act of 2019

As reported by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on November 5, 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)	2	41	46
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

S. 995 would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million annually through 2024 to the Administration for Community Living (ACL) for grants to state agencies for lifespan respite care programs. Those programs provide temporary relief for family caregivers of children and adults with special needs. The program’s authorization expired at the end of 2011; in 2019, ACL allocated \$4 million for the program. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, and based on historical spending patterns, CBO estimates that implementing S. 995 would cost \$41 million over the 2020-2024 period and \$5 million after 2024.

The costs of the legislation (detailed in Table 1) fall within budget function 500 (education, training, employment, and social services).

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under S. 995

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars					2020-2024
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Authorization ^a	6	10	10	10	10	46
Estimated Outlays	2	9	10	10	10	41

a. S. 995 would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million in 2020 for lifespan respite care programs. Using information from ACL, CBO estimates that \$4 million has been allocated for those programs, on an annualized basis, from funds made available under the current continuing resolution (Public Law 116-69), which provided appropriations through December 20, 2019. Thus, the estimated authorization for 2020 (\$6 million) is equal to the amount specified in the bill (\$10 million), minus the annualized amount from the continuing resolution (\$4 million).

On August 6, 2019, CBO transmitted a [cost estimate for H.R. 2035](#), the Lifespan Respite Care Reauthorization Act of 2019, as passed by the House of Representatives on July 24, 2019. That act would authorize appropriations totaling \$200 million over the 2020-2024 period for lifespan respite care programs and S. 995 would authorize a total of \$46 million. CBO's cost estimates of the two pieces of legislation reflect those differences in the authorized amounts. The cost estimate for S. 995 also reflects enactment of the continuing resolution for 2020.

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