

H.R. 2854, Protect Our Refuges Act of 2019

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on November 20, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2025	2020-2030
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	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2031?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 2854 would prohibit the use of neonicotinoids—a type of insecticide used in agriculture—within the National Wildlife Refuge System, which is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

USFWS allows private farming on certain refuge lands under cooperative agreements. Under those agreements, farmers are generally responsible for all costs associated with producing crops, including the costs for insecticides. CBO expects that implementing H.R. 2854 could result in a small increase in the administrative workload of USFWS to manage those agreements; however, we estimate that any additional costs incurred by the agency would not be significant. Any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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