

**H.R. 5347, Disadvantaged Community Drinking Water Assistance Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on February 12, 2020

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)	0	63	100
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 2031?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 5347 would authorize the appropriation of \$20 million annually over the 2021-2025 for the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), to establish and operate a drinking water assistance program for disadvantaged communities. Under the program, BOR would provide grants to eligible communities to support water source, treatment, and distribution projects. The grants could be used to fund the initial operating costs, capital costs, or ongoing operation and maintenance costs of eligible projects.

Based on spending patterns for similar programs and assuming appropriation of the specified amounts each year, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5347 would cost \$63 million over the 2021-2025 period and \$37 million after 2025. The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

**Table 1.**  
**Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 5347**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2020-2025
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Authorization	0	20	20	20	20	20	100
Estimated Outlays	0	1	6	16	20	20	63

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