

H.R. 4299, Data Preservation Act of 2020

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 29, 2020

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2021	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)	22	115	118
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

H.R. 4299 would authorize the appropriation of \$30 million annually over the 2020-2024 period for the United States Geological Survey to implement the National Geological and Geospatial Data Preservation Program. In 2020, \$2 million was allocated to that program.

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 4299 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2021. Using historical spending patterns for the program, CBO estimates implementing H.R. 4299 would cost \$115 million over the 2021-2025 period and \$3 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. 4299

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars					2021-2025
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Authorization ^a	28	30	30	30	0	118
Estimated Outlays	22	27	30	30	6	115

- a. H.R. 4299 would authorize the appropriation of \$30 million annually through 2024 for the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to implement the National Geological and Geospatial Data Preservation Program. In 2020, USGS allocated \$2 million for those purposes. Because CBO estimates the budgetary effects under continuing resolutions on an annualized basis, in 2021 CBO assumes that the same amount will be available under the current continuing resolution (Public Law 116-159). As a result, CBO estimates that the bill would authorize an increase in spending subject to appropriation in 2021 of \$28 million, the difference between the authorized amount and the annualized amount provided under the continuing resolution.

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