

H.R. 1921, To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program, and for other purposes
 As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on March 24, 2021

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2021	2021-2026	2021-2031
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	89	100
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 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 1921 would authorize the appropriation of \$20 million annually over the 2022-2026 period for the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program. That program provides grants and technical assistance for projects that have been identified in a management plan approved under the EPA’s National Estuary Program to improve the ecological health of the basin. In 2021, EPA received appropriations totaling \$2 million to carry out the program. The bill also would require EPA to ensure the basin’s management plan is revised at least every five years, expand the geographic definition of the basin, and allow EPA to use up to 5 percent of the appropriated funds to administer the program.

Assuming appropriation of the specified amounts and based on spending patterns for similar programs, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$89 million over the 2022- 2026 period and \$11 million after 2026. 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. 1921

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2021-2026
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Authorization	0	20	20	20	20	20	100
Estimated Outlays	0	13	17	19	20	20	89

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