

H.R. 2538, FENTANYL Results Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on April 21, 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	12	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 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 2538 would authorize appropriations over the 2022-2026 period for Department of State programs to reduce international trafficking in drugs. It would authorize appropriations of \$4 million each year to build the capacity of foreign law enforcement agencies to detect and track synthetic drugs such as fentanyl. It also would authorize appropriations of \$1 million each year for an international exchange program for professionals working to reduce the illicit use of drugs. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2538 would cost a total of \$12 million over the 2021-2026 period. The remainder of the \$25 million in authorized appropriations would be spent after 2026. Such spending would be subject to the appropriation of the specified amounts.

The bill also would require the department to report to the Congress on its progress in reducing drug trafficking. On the basis of information about similar requirements, CBO estimates that providing the required reports would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2021-2026 period.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 150 (international affairs).

**Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 2538**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2021-2026
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Assistance for Foreign Law Enforcement Agencies							
Authorization	0	4	4	4	4	4	20
Estimated Outlays	0	*	1	1	2	3	7
Exchange Program							
Authorization	0	1	1	1	1	1	5
Estimated Outlays	0	1	1	1	1	1	5
Total Changes							
Authorization	0	5	5	5	5	5	25
Estimated Outlays	0	1	2	2	3	4	12

* = between zero and \$500,000.

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