

H.R. 4209, DHS Illicit Cross-Border Tunnel Defense Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on July 28, 2021

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2026	2022-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	1	2	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. 4209 would require the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in the Department of Homeland Security to develop a strategic plan for identifying and remediating cross-border tunnels into the United States within six months of the bill's enactment. The plan would include ways of using technology and sharing information to identify and block tunnels as well as an assessment of staffing needs. The bill would require CBP to report to the Congress on implementation of the plan after one year.

H.R. 4209 would authorize the appropriation of \$1 million for each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023 for CBP to develop the strategic plan and carry out tunnel remediation operations. Using historical patterns of spending for similar programs and assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates CBP would spend \$2 million over the 2022-2026 period to implement the bill.

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