

H.R. 4067, Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council Act

As passed by the House of Representatives on October 20, 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)	*	*	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?	Yes, Under Threshold
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 4067 would require the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to establish a council to make recommendations on the security, reliability, and interoperability of communications networks. Currently, the Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council (CSRIC), which is typically rechartered every two years (most recently in April 2021) fulfills those duties.

Using information from the FCC, CBO estimates that it would cost the agency \$2 million over the 2022-2026 period to administer the CSRIC. However, because the FCC is authorized to collect fees each year sufficient to offset the appropriated costs of its regulatory activities, CBO estimates that the net cost to the FCC would be negligible, assuming appropriation actions consistent with that authority.

H.R. 4067 would authorize the FCC to appoint members to the committee, including representatives from federal agencies. Past iterations of the CSRIC have included representatives from the Departments of Homeland Security, Commerce, and Health and Human Services. CBO cannot predict the future composition of the CSRIC, but CBO estimates that those agencies' participation in the council would increase spending subject to appropriation by an insignificant amount.

If the FCC increased fees to offset the costs associated with implementing the act, H.R. 4067 would increase the cost of an existing mandate on private entities required to pay those fees. CBO estimates that the incremental cost of that mandate would be small and fall below the annual threshold established in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) (\$170 million in 2021, adjusted annually for inflation).

H.R. 4067 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in UMRA.

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