

S. 3491, Commission on Reform and Modernization of the Department of State Act

As reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on April 6, 2022

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2026	2022-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	*	*	*
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	*	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	2	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	Yes	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
* = between -\$500,000 and \$500,000.			

S. 3491 would authorize the appropriation of \$2 million in 2022 to establish a new legislative branch commission. The commission, comprising eight members chosen by the Congress, would have 18 months to examine the challenges of modern-day diplomacy and report to the President and the Congress on its findings. It also would make recommendations on ways to improve the operations and management of the Department of State. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost less than \$500,000 in 2022 and a total of \$2 million over the 2022-2026 period, subject to the appropriation of the specified amounts.

Enacting S. 3491 would affect direct spending because the bill would authorize the commission to accept and spend gifts and donations. CBO estimates that the net effect on direct spending would be negligible over the 2022-2031 period.

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