

**H.R. 1541, Small Business Workforce Pipeline Act of 2023**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Small Business on May 23, 2023

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2023	2023-2028	2023-2033
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	40	not estimated
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No
		<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 1541 would require Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) to help small businesses establish and improve work-based learning opportunities, pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs, and job training programs. Under current law, the SBDC program, administered by the Small Business Administration (SBA), awards grants to centers that counsel and train current and prospective small-business owners. In 2023, the Congress appropriated \$140 million for the SBDC program.

Using information from the SBA, CBO expects that the SBA would award grants to lead SBDCs to support an additional 62 counselors annually (at a cost of \$170,000 per employee) to manage work-based learning opportunities at each lead center. Based on historical spending patterns, and accounting for anticipated inflation, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1541 would cost \$40 million over the 2023-2028 period, assuming appropriation of the estimated amounts.

See also

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The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 370 (commerce and housing credit).

**Table 1.**  
**Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 1541**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2023-2028
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
Estimated Authorization	*	11	11	11	11	12	56
Estimated Outlays	*	1	7	10	11	11	40

\* = between zero and \$500,000.

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