

H.R. 1567, ACRES Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 28, 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)	0	23	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
		Mandate Effects	
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

H.R. 1567 would require the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior to report on efforts to reduce wildfires and to standardize data collection for those activities. The bill would require each department to report the number of acres of federal land that underwent vegetation management to reduce the risk of wildfire in the previous year. The bill would require those reports to be submitted as supporting material with the President’s annual budget request. The bill also would require each department to standardize procedures for collecting data related to wildfire reduction and to report to the Congress on those efforts.

CBO estimates that the total cost to implement H.R. 1567 would be \$23 million over the 2023-2028 period. Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. The bulk of those costs would stem from the need to hire additional staff and to upgrade data systems. Using information from both departments, CBO estimates that—combined—they would need 30 additional staff members, at an average annual cost of \$100,000, to meet the bill’s requirements. After accounting for anticipated inflation, CBO estimates that compensating additional staff and upgrading data systems would cost \$22 million over the 2023-2028 period.

The bill also would require the Government Accountability Office to report to the Congress on its implementation two years after enactment. Using information about the cost of similar reports, CBO estimates the cost of that provision at \$1 million over the 2023-2028 period.

See also

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The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 1567

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2023-2028
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
Estimated Authorization	0	3	5	5	5	5	23
Estimated Outlays	0	3	5	5	5	5	23

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