

H.R. 3224, Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Extension Act of 2023

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on May 17, 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	1,529	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. 3224 would reauthorize the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office (CWMD) within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for seven years after enactment. CWMD leads DHS's efforts to prevent the use of chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear weapons, and promotes readiness against such attacks by coordinating with federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as the private sector. Under current law, CWMD's authorization expires on December 21, 2023. The bill also would impose reporting requirements for CWMD and the Government Accountability Office.

The Congress appropriated \$431 million for CWMD in 2023. That includes funding for operations and support, procurement and maintenance of chemical, biological, and radiological detection equipment, research and development, and assistance to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments. Adjusting that amount for annual inflation and for CWMD's authorization under current law through December 2023, and based on the costs of similar reporting requirements, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3224 would cost \$1.5 billion over the 2024-2028 period. Such spending would be subject to the appropriation of the estimated amounts.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

See also

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Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 3224

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2023-2028
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
Estimated Authorization	0	334	455	466	477	487	2,219
Estimated Outlays	0	75	225	351	421	457	1,529

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