

### H.R. 1726, Continued Rapid Ohia Death Response Act of 2023

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 21, 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	30	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

H.R. 1726 would require the Department of the Interior to work with various federal agencies, the State of Hawaii, and private landowners to address Rapid Ohia Death (ROD), a fungal disease of Hawaii’s ‘ōhi‘a lehua trees. Specifically, the bill would require the Forest Service to provide financial assistance to prevent the spread of ROD, restore native Hawaiian forests, and conduct ROD research at the Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry.

Many federal, state, and local agencies engage in work to understand and address ROD through research, surveys, disease control, and collaborative engagement. On that basis and considering the costs of similar tasks, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1726 would cost about \$5 million in 2024 (with costs growing each year to account for anticipated inflation) and \$30 million over the 2023-2028 period for ongoing research and restoration activities; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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

See also

[CBO’s Cost Estimates Explained](#), [CBO Describes Its Cost-Estimating Process](#), [Glossary](#)



**Table 1.  
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 1726**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2023-2028
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
Estimated Authorization	0	5	6	6	6	7	30
Estimated Outlays	0	5	6	6	6	7	30

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