

**H.R. 3293, Expediting Federal Broadband Deployment Reviews Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on May 24, 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	10	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. 3293 would require the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to establish an interagency strike force to help prioritize the review of communications use authorizations by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Forest Service. Communications use authorizations are requests for the placement and operation of a communications facility on federal land. That group would establish goals for reviewing communications use authorizations and monitor each agency to ensure goals are met.

Using information from the affected agencies, CBO estimates that it would cost \$10 million over the 2024-2028 period to establish and administer the interagency group; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. That amount would support 12 employees each year across the three affected agencies at an average cost of \$160,000 per employee in 2023, with increases in later years to account for anticipated inflation.

See also

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



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