

H.R. 1380, Protecting America’s Rock Climbing Act

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

H.R. 1380 would require the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior to issue guidance to recognize certain recreational rock-climbing activities as allowable under federal law. The bill would direct the guidance to outline any requirements or conditions associated with the placement and maintenance of fixed anchors on federal land. (Fixed anchors are pieces of equipment—typically bolts with closed hooks—secured to a rock wall to facilitate a safe ascent or rappel when rock climbing.) The bill also would require the agencies to accept public comments related to the guidance.

Using information about the cost of issuing similar guidance, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1380 would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2024-2028 period; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated amounts.

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