

H.R. 2872, a bill to amend the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 to allow the Secretary of the Interior to issue electronic stamps under such Act, and for other purposes

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	*	*
Revenues	0	*	*
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	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?	Yes
		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 -\$500,000 and \$500,000.			

H.R. 2872 would expand the use of electronic Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps (referred to as federal duck stamps), which are annual permits sold by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to hunters of migratory waterfowl. Under current law, the agency must send a physical duck stamp within 45 days of purchase. H.R. 2872 would allow the physical duck stamp to be sent later and, in the interim, allow the electronic stamp to count as proof of purchase.

CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted late in fiscal year 2023. Using information about the cost of similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing the changes under H.R. 2872 would have an insignificant effect on administrative costs of the USFWS.

Under current law, amounts collected from the sale of duck stamps are deposited into the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund and are recorded in the budget as revenues. Those collections are available to be spent without further appropriation for waterfowl conservation projects. CBO expects sales of duck stamps would not be significantly affected under the

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bill. Thus, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would have no significant effect on direct spending or revenues in any year and over the 2023-2033 period.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Matthew Pickford. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phillip L. Swagel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail.

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