

**H.R. 3385, a bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to submit to Congress a report containing an assessment of the value, cost, and feasibility of a trans-Atlantic submarine fiber optic cable connecting the contiguous United States, the United States Virgin Islands, Ghana, and Nigeria**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on July 27, 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	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
	No	Contains private-sector mandate?		No

H.R. 3385 would require the Secretary of Commerce, within one year of enactment, to report to the Congress on the cost, benefits, and feasibility of a trans-Atlantic fiber optic cable connecting the United States, the Virgin Islands, Ghana, and Nigeria with respect to the national security of the United States.

Based on the cost of similar activities, CBO estimates that the report would cost \$1 million over the 2024-2028 period to collect data and write the report; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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