

**S. 2006, Safeguarding Tunisian Democracy Act of 2023**

As reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on July 25, 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	85	100
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	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?	No	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
		Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

S. 2006 would authorize the appropriation of \$100 million each year for 2024 and 2025 to the Department of State for programs that support reforms to restore democratic institutions and the rule of law in Tunisia and that stabilize the Tunisian economy. That assistance would not be available for obligation until the department determines that the Tunisian government has made measurable progress towards restoring democracy in that country. Because of the uncertainty in how the political situation in Tunisia might change, CBO applied a 50 percent probability to the likelihood that those requirements would be met; thus, only half of the amounts authorized by the bill are estimated to be spent.

In addition, the department would be required to report to the Congress on its actions under the bill.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 2006 would cost \$85 million over the 2023-2028 period, subject to the appropriation of the specified amounts. The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 150 (international affairs).

See also

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



**Table 1.  
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under S. 2006**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2023-2028
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
Authorization	0	100	100	0	0	0	200
Estimated Outlays	0	8	20	23	19	15	85

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