

**H.R. 3843, Action for Dental Health Act of 2023**

As reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on October 3, 2023

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars		2024	2024-2028	2024-2033
Direct Spending (Outlays)		0	0	0
Revenues		0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit		0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)		6	55	67
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. 3843 would reauthorize a program administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration that provides grants to states to help them address workforce shortages in dental care. The bill would extend previous authorizations of \$13.9 million per year over the 2024-2028 period. (In 2023, \$13.6 million was allocated for that program.) Using prior spending patterns for the program, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3843 would cost \$55 million over the 2024-2028 period and \$12 million after 2028, assuming appropriation of the specified amounts.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 550 (health).

**Table 1.**  
**Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H. R. 3843**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars					
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2024-2028
Authorization	14	14	14	14	14	70
Estimated Outlays	6	10	13	13	13	55

See also

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



The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Katie Zhang. The estimate was reviewed by Emily Stern, Senior Adviser for Budget Analysis.

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