

S. 2395, WILD Act

As reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on July 26, 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) | 76 | 483 | 525 |
| 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 |

S. 2395 would reauthorize the appropriation of \$75 million annually over the 2024-2028 period for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to implement the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. The program provides grants to landowners to restore fish and wildlife habitats on private land. In 2023, USFWS allocated \$60 million for that program. The bill also would reauthorize the appropriation of \$30 million annually over the 2024-2028 period to support international efforts to conserve certain wild animals. In 2023, \$21 million was appropriated for those purposes. In addition, the bill would allow USFWS to provide multiyear grants for up to five years for those efforts. The costs of the multiyear grants would be covered by the bill's authorized appropriations.

Using historical spending patterns for those programs and assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2395 would cost \$483 million over the 2024-2028 period and \$42 million after 2028.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

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. 2395**

| | By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars | | | | | 2024-2028 |
|--|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | |
| Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program | | | | | | |
| Authorization | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 375 |
| Estimated Outlays | 58 | 69 | 72 | 74 | 75 | 348 |
| International Efforts to Conserve Wild Animals | | | | | | |
| Authorization | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 150 |
| Estimated Outlays | 18 | 27 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 135 |
| Total Changes | | | | | | |
| Authorization | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 525 |
| Estimated Outlays | 76 | 96 | 102 | 104 | 105 | 483 |

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