

H.R. 3196, Architect of the Capitol Appointment Act of 2023

As ordered reported by the House Committee on House Administration on September 28, 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)	*	*	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
		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 zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 3196 would change how the Architect of the Capitol is appointed. Under the bill, the Architect would be appointed by a Congressional commission composed of members from the House of Representatives and Senate; the Architect also could appoint a Deputy Architect. The Architect manages the preservation and restoration of the campus buildings of the U.S. Capitol.

Under current law, a bicameral, bipartisan Congressional commission recommends candidates to the President, who appoints the Architect for a 10-year term with the advice and consent of the Senate. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3196 would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2024-2028 period because the bill would not significantly affect Congressional responsibilities. Any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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