

H.R. 5009, WILD Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on October 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

H.R. 5009 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 H.R. 5009 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 H.R. 5009**

	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
Species Conservation Programs						
Authorization	30	30	30	30	30	150
Estimated Outlays	18	27	30	30	30	135
Total						
Authorization	105	105	105	105	105	525
Estimated Outlays	76	96	102	104	105	483

On November 6, 2023, CBO transmitted a [cost estimate for S. 2395](#), as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on July 26, 2023. The two bills are similar and CBO’s estimates of their budgetary effects are the same.

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