

H.R. 5375, Strengthening the Quad Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on November 29, 2023

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2024	2024-2028	2024-2033
Direct Spending (Outlays)	*	*	*
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	*	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	1	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?	Yes
		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 -\$500,000 and \$500,000.			

H.R. 5375 would require the Department of State to take certain actions involving a diplomatic partnership between the United States, Australia, India, and Japan known as “The Quad”, which is committed to promoting security, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region. Those actions include the following:

- Requiring the Department of State to negotiate with other Quad members to form a joint intra-parliamentary working group on matters of mutual interest; and
- Requiring the department to provide a strategy to the Congress on increasing cooperation and engagement with the Quad.

In addition, H.R. 5375 would establish a team of up to 24 Members of Congress to represent U.S. interests in the intra-parliamentary working group, allow the team to accept and spend gifts and donations, and require it to report annually to the Congress on its activities and expenditures.

On the basis of information about similar activities, CBO estimates that establishing the team and providing the reports required under H.R. 5375 would cost less than \$500,000 each year and total \$1 million over the 2024-2028 period. Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

See also

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The provision that would authorize the U.S. representatives to the intra-parliamentary working group to accept and spend gifts and donations would reduce net direct spending by an insignificant amount over the 2024-2033 period, CBO estimates.

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