

H.R. 5856, Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2023

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on November 7, 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)	35	628	1,148
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. 5856 would reauthorize several programs that prevent trafficking in persons, which are managed by the Departments of Justice (DOJ), Health and Human Services (HHS), Homeland Security (DHS), and State, and the U.S. Agency for International Development. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$241 million each year from 2024 through 2028, for a total of \$1.2 billion over that period for those purposes. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$628 million over the 2024-2028 period. Another \$520 million would be spent over the 2029-2033 period. Such spending would be subject to appropriation of the specified amounts.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget functions 150 (international affairs), 500 (education, training, employment, and social services), and 750 (administration of justice).

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 5856

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars					2024-2028
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
Authorization	241	241	241	241	241	1,205
Estimated Outlays	35	86	132	175	200	628

See also

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The bill's costs would stem from specified authorizations for several programs totaling \$241 million each year over the 2024–2028 period (see Table 1).

The annual authorizations comprise:

- \$116 million a year for foreign assistance to address trafficking overseas;
- \$77 million a year for DOJ grants to assist victims of trafficking and perform other activities to investigate and prevent human trafficking;
- \$25 million a year for HHS benefits and services for victims of trafficking;
- \$17 million a year for ongoing activities of the Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking and an interagency task force; and
- \$6 million a year for activities by DOJ, DHS, and the Department of State to monitor sex offenders travelling overseas and to combat child sex trafficking.

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