

**H.R. 2560, Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance and Rehabilitation Act of 2023**

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)		*	12	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	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2034?		No	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
			Contains intergovernmental mandate? No	
			Contains private-sector mandate? No	
* = between zero and \$500,000.				

H.R. 2560 would direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to award grants to rescue and rehabilitate stranded marine turtles. Under the bill, entities could receive up to \$150,000 per grant to support marine turtle rescue and recovery, data collection, and research; as well as operating costs for facilities devoted to the research and rehabilitation of marine turtles. H.R. 2560 also would require NOAA to designate regions where turtle strandings tend to occur and equitably distribute grants across those regions. In 2023, NOAA allocated about \$1 million for sea turtle stranding response and rehabilitation activities.

Using information from the agency, CBO expects that NOAA would need one full-time employee to administer the program at a cost of about \$100,000 and would begin awarding grants in 2025. Additionally, CBO expects that each year about 50 organizations would receive grants of about \$100,000, on average, under the program. On that basis and accounting for anticipated inflation, CBO estimates that NOAA would need about \$5 million a year to administer the program over the 2024-2028 period, though outlays each year would be less than that amount because it would take time to disburse all of the grants.

See also

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Using historical spending patterns for similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2560 would cost \$12 million over the 2024-2028 period, assuming appropriation of the estimated amount.

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

**Table 1.**  
**Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 2560**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars					2024-2028
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
Estimated Authorization	*	5	5	5	6	21
Estimated Outlays	*	1	2	4	5	12

\* = between zero and \$500,000.

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