

H.R. 4167, Protecting America’s Distribution Transformer Supply Chain Act
As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on December 5, 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)	0	0	0
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. 4167 would prohibit the Department of Energy (DOE) from proposing or implementing any rule that, within five years of enactment, amends energy conservation standards for distribution transformers as specified in a final rule that took effect in June 2013.¹ (A distribution transformer is a device that provides the final voltage transformation in the electric power system.) Under current law, the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, authorizes DOE to regulate energy efficiency standards for various appliances and equipment, including distribution transformers.

CBO is unaware of any proposed rules related to distribution transformers that would affect the federal budget. In addition, CBO does not expect that the bill’s provisions would affect federal spending on programs related to distribution transformers, such as the Energy Efficient Transformer Rebates Program. On that basis, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4167 would not affect the federal budget.

1. Department of Energy, “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Distribution Transformers,” 78 *Fed. Reg.* 23336 (April 18, 2013), <http://tinyurl.com/myup9abc>.



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