

H.R. 4385, Drought Preparedness Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on November 8, 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)	1	8	9
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	Mandate Effects	
		Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 4385 would extend through 2028 the authority of the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) to assist states, tribes, and local governments with conservation management and construction activities to mitigate the effects of drought. Over the 2005-2023 period, a total of \$130 million was authorized to be appropriated for the program. Before that authority expired at the end of fiscal year 2023, the agency had allocated \$121 million for that program, including \$3 million in 2023.

Because CBO cannot predict when the amounts authorized to be appropriated would be provided, we assume that the remaining \$9 million would be provided in roughly equal amounts over the 2024-2028 period. Using historical spending patterns and subject to the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates implementing the bill would cost \$8 million over the 2024-2028 period and \$1 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. 4385**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars					2024-2028
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
Estimated Authorization	2	2	2	2	1	9
Estimated Outlays	1	1	2	2	2	8

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