

S. 2959, Brownfields Reauthorization Act of 2023

As reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on September 27, 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	915	1,575
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

S. 2959 would amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify and reauthorize appropriations for two grant programs that are administered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Over the 2024-2029 period, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$200 million a year for grants to clean up brownfields and specific annual amounts totaling \$375 million for grants to support state programs to respond to brownfields. (Brownfields are properties that have, or potentially have, a hazardous substance that complicates the expansion or redevelopment of the property.) In 2023, EPA allocated \$173 million for all brownfield activities.

Assuming appropriation of the specified amounts and using historical spending patterns for those activities, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2959 would cost \$915 million over the 2024-2028 period and \$660 million after 2028.

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

See also

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**Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under S. 2959**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars										2024-2028	2024-2033
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033		
Brownfield Cleanup												
Authorization Level	200	200	200	200	200	200	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,200
Estimated Outlays	20	100	150	200	200	200	180	100	50	0	670	1,200
State Response Programs												
Authorization Level	50	55	60	65	70	75	0	0	0	0	300	375
Estimated Outlays	15	47	56	61	66	71	52	7	0	0	245	375
Total Costs												
Authorization Level	250	255	260	265	270	275	0	0	0	0	1,300	1,575
Estimated Outlays	35	147	206	261	266	271	232	107	50	0	915	1,575

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