

H.R. 7159, Pacific Partnership Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on February 6, 2024

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2024	2024-2029	2024-2034
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	*	-1	-3
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	*	1	3
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	*
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	Yes
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	< \$5 billion	Mandate Effects	
		Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between -\$500,000 and \$500,000.			

H.R. 7159 would extend to the Pacific Islands Forum and its employees certain privileges and immunities provided to other international organizations, including exemption from most federal taxes and customs duties. Such organizations also have the immunity from lawsuits and other judicial proceedings that is extended to foreign governments, and their representatives and employees are exempt from certain laws regulating entry into and departure from the United States.

Additionally, H.R. 7159 would require the Administration to develop a strategy for U.S. engagement in the Pacific Islands region and report on its implementation. The bill also would require that the Administration include additional information in several reports that are required under current law.

CBO estimates that a small number of people would benefit under the bill and that the forgone customs duties would amount to less than \$500,000 in each year and over the 2024-2034 period. The staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation estimates that the loss of tax revenue would be insignificant in each year and would total \$1 million over the 2024-2029 period and \$3 million over the 2024-2034 period.

See also

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Based on the cost of strategies and reports similar to those required by the bill, CBO estimates that fulfilling those requirements would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2024-2029 period. Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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