

H.R. 2950, Coastal Habitat Conservation Act of 2023

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on January 17, 2024

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2024	2024-2029	2024-2034
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	2	69	71
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?	No
		Mandate Effects	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 2950 would authorize the appropriation of \$85 million over the 2024-2028 period for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to implement the Coastal Program and report annually to the Congress on the program’s activities. Under that program, USFWS partners with federal and nonfederal entities to conduct land and habitat restoration, protection, and conservation activities on public and private coastal land and waters.

CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted around the middle of calendar year 2024 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated each year. In 2024, USFWS allocated about \$14 million for the program; thus, the bill would authorize the appropriation of an additional \$3 million for 2024. Based on historical spending patterns for the program, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$69 million over the 2024-2029 period and \$2 million after 2029.

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. 2950

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2024-2029
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
Authorization	3	17	17	17	17	0	71
Estimated Outlays	2	14	16	16	17	4	69

On October 6, 2023, CBO transmitted a [cost estimate for S. 1381](#), the Coastal Habitat Conservation Act of 2023, as reported by the Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works on July 26, 2023. The two bills are similar but would authorize the appropriation of different amounts. CBO’s estimates of both bills reflect those differences.

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