

**H.R. 6368, Indian Buffalo Management Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on March 12, 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)	*	64	not estimated
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
		<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
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
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 6368 would create a new program through 2030 at the Department of the Interior to assist tribal governments in restoring and managing buffalo herds on their land. Under the bill, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) could award grants to tribes to implement buffalo restoration programs, protect habitat, and conduct activities to enhance the commercial and practical value of buffalo. In addition, the bill would require the department to consult annually with tribal nations on federal initiatives that affect buffalo or buffalo habitats.

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 6368 will be enacted late in fiscal year 2024. Using information from BIA and based on historical spending patterns for similar activities, CBO estimates that operating the new program would cost \$64 million over the 2024-2029 period, assuming appropriation of the estimated amounts each year.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 450 (community and regional development).

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. 6368**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2024-2029
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
Estimated Authorization	*	14	15	15	15	15	74
Estimated Outlays	*	8	12	14	15	15	64

\* = between zero and \$500,000.

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