

H.R. 6249, Think Differently About Emergencies Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on May 15, 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)	*	1	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
		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
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 6249 would require the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review disaster assistance and resources provided by FEMA for people with disabilities and their families. The act would require FEMA, within 120 days of enactment, to report to the Congress on details of that assistance and the process of administering it. In addition, the act would require both agencies, within one year of enactment, to make recommendations to the Congress on how to improve the quality and administration of that assistance.

Using information from FEMA and GAO about the costs of similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing the act would cost \$1 million over the 2024-2029 period; any related spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

On January 12, 2024, CBO transmitted a [cost estimate for H.R. 6249](#), the Think Differently About Emergencies Act, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on November 15, 2023. The two pieces of legislation are similar, and CBO's estimates of the budgetary effects are the same.

See also

[CBO's Cost Estimates Explained](#), [CBO Describes Its Cost-Estimating Process](#), [Glossary](#)



The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Margot Berman. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

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