

## S. 4359, a bill to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes

As reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on May 22, 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)	0	126	250
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

S. 4359 would reauthorize the National Dam Safety Program (NDSP) through fiscal year 2029 and would authorize the appropriation of \$14 million annually over the 2025-2029 period for that program. The program provides grants to state regulatory agencies for safety programs, funds research, maintains a national inventory of dams, and trains safety officials and dam operators. The Congress appropriated \$11 million for the program in 2024.

In addition, the bill would reauthorize the Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dam Grant Program through fiscal year 2029. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$60 million annually over the 2027-2029 period for the program, which provides assistance to state governments to repair or remove nonfederal dams with a high potential for failure. The program is authorized through 2026 and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provided \$585 million for it in 2022.

Assuming appropriation of the specified amounts and using historical spending patterns, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$126 million over the 2025-2029 period and \$124 million after 2029.

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 S. 4359**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2024-2029
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
National Dam Safety Program							
Authorization	0	14	14	14	14	14	70
Estimated Outlays	0	13	14	14	14	14	69
Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dam Grant Program							
Estimated Authorization	0	0	0	60	60	60	180
Estimated Outlays	0	0	0	2	19	36	57
Total Changes							
Estimated Authorization	0	14	14	74	74	74	250
Estimated Outlays	0	13	14	16	33	50	126

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