

H.R. 2941, Recognizing the Role of Direct Support Professionals Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Education and the Workforce on July 10, 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	*	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. 2941 would require the Office of Management and Budget to consider creating a separate occupational code for direct support professionals, listing them within the healthcare support occupation, when it next revises the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. Those workers provide direct care and support to people with disabilities. The SOC system is a federal statistical standard used to classify workers into occupational categories for the purpose of collecting, calculating, and disseminating data.

Since 1977, the SOC system has been revised four times—in 1980, 2000, 2010, and 2018—to reflect changes in the economy and the nature of work. Because of that ongoing but irregular activity, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2941 would not significantly affect federal spending over the 2025-2029 period.

On August 16, 2023, CBO transmitted a [cost estimate for S. 1332](#), Recognizing the Role of Direct Support Professionals Act, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on July 26, 2023. The two pieces of legislation are similar, and CBO’s estimates of their budgetary effects are the same.



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

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