

S. 4776, Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2024

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on July 31, 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	12,636	15,140
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	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	No	Mandate Effects	
		Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

S. 4776 would amend the Older Americans Act (OAA) of 1965, which authorizes services to the elderly. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) administers most programs authorized by the act, including congregate and home-delivered meals, home and community-based supportive services (such as assistance with transportation, in-home care, and adult day care), and support for caregivers. The Department of Labor (DOL) administers the Senior Community Service Employment program, which provides low-income senior citizens with work-based job training and community service opportunities. The authorization for OAA programs expires at the end of fiscal year 2024; those programs received discretionary appropriations totaling \$2.3 billion that year.

S. 4776 would authorize the appropriation of \$15.2 billion over the 2025-2029 period for OAA programs; \$12.2 billion would be authorized for programs administered by HHS and \$3.0 billion for programs administered by DOL. Assuming appropriation of the specified amounts, and based on historical spending patterns, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$12.6 billion over the same period and \$2.5 billion after 2029.

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 4776 will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2025. The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 500 (education, training, employment, and social services.)

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. 4776**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2024-2029
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
Health and Human Services							
Authorization	0	2,225	2,328	2,435	2,548	2,666	12,202
Estimated Outlays	0	892	2,001	2,316	2,454	2,575	10,238
Department of Labor							
Authorization	0	540	565	591	619	647	2,962
Estimated Outlays	0	94	530	563	591	620	2,398
Total Changes							
Authorization	0	2,765	2,893	3,026	3,167	3,313	15,164
Estimated Outlays	0	986	2,531	2,879	3,045	3,195	12,636

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