

S. 874, Expanding Whistleblower Protections for Contractors Act of 2025

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on July 30, 2025

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2026	2026-2030	2026-2035
Direct Spending (Outlays)	*	*	*
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	*	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	not estimated
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2036?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	Yes
		Mandate Effects	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2036?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

S. 874 would expand and clarify existing protections for federal contractors and grantees against reprisal for disclosing that a federal agency is engaging in specific activities, including grossly mismanaging its accounts, violating the law, or endangering public health or safety.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 874 would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2026-2030 period for administrative costs to update the relevant policies and procedures. Any related spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting S. 874 could affect direct spending by some agencies that are allowed to use fees, receipts from the sale of goods, and other collections to cover operating costs. CBO estimates that any net changes in direct spending by those agencies would be negligible because most of them can adjust amounts collected to reflect changes in operating costs.

See also

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



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