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Cost Estimate

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H.R. 7084, Defending American Property Abroad Act of 2026

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on January 21, 2026

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2026	2026-2031	2026-2036
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	*	*	*
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	*	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	not estimated

Increases *net direct spending* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2037?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No
		Mandate Effects	
Increases *on-budget deficits* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2037?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

* = between -$500,000 and $500,000.

H.R. 7084 would amend the criteria used to determine whether a vessel may operate in U.S. waters or transfer cargo at a U.S. port. Specifically, the bill would authorize those activities for vessels that are otherwise prohibited under current law if the vessels are experiencing an emergency. In addition, the bill would prohibit entry by vessels that have accessed foreign ports or marine terminals previously controlled by U.S. citizens and later nationalized or expropriated by certain foreign governments, as determined by the Department of State.

Vessels that unlawfully enter U.S. ports are subject to civil penalties assessed by the Coast Guard, which are recorded in the budget as revenues. Enacting H.R. 7084 could affect the amount of civil penalty collections by changing the number of vessels authorized to enter the United States. Based on the number of expected cases, CBO estimates that the change in revenues under the bill would total less than $500,000 over the 2026-2036 period.

CBO further estimates that implementing the administrative requirements in H.R. 7084 would cost the Coast Guard and the Department of State less than $500,000 over the 2026-2031 period. Any related spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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