Congressional Budget Office
Cost Estimate

September 1, 2026

H.R. 7889, AWRC Act of 2025

As reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on August 20, 2026

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2026	2026-2031	2026-2036
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	46	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

H.R. 7889 would reauthorize the Water Resources Research Act Program through 2029 and authorize the appropriation of $16 million each year from 2026 through 2029 for those purposes. The program, which is managed by the U.S. Geological Survey, provides grants to 54 institutes hosted by colleges and universities to research issues related to water resources. In 2026, the Congress appropriated $16 million for those purposes.

Based on historical spending patterns for this and similar programs, and assuming appropriation of the specified amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 7889 would cost $46 million over the 2026-2031 period. CBO does not attribute any outlays to the fiscal year 2026 authorization because that amount has already been appropriated under current law.

The estimated budgetary effects of the legislation are shown in Table 1. The costs of the legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources).

Table 1.
Estimated Budgetary Effects of H.R. 7889

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2026-2031
	Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation						
Estimated Authorization	0	16	16	16	0	0	48
Estimated Outlays	0	8	13	16	7	2	46

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