Congressional Budget Office
Cost Estimate

September 9, 2026

H.R. 9617, CHARM Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on July 21, 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	1	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. 9617 would require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to design a National Critical Mineral Recovery Strategy to recover critical minerals from discarded materials. The strategy would consider both opportunities to expand the recovery of critical minerals and the legal, technological, and other barriers to such recovery. The bill also would direct EPA to report to the Congress every two years about activities carried out under the strategy.

Using information about the cost of similar requirements, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost $1 million over the 2026-2031 period. Any related spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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