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Cost Estimate

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S. 2578, Strengthening the Rule of Law in the Brazilian Amazon Act

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By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2027	2027-2031	2027-2036
Direct Spending (Outlays)	*	*	*
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	*	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	5	25	not estimated

Increases *net direct spending* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2037?	< $2.5 billion	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	Yes
Increases *on-budget deficits* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2037?	No	**Mandate Effects**	
		Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

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

S. 2578 would authorize the Department of State and other federal agencies to protect the Amazon basin in Brazil by supporting economic development projects, deterring criminal networks, and preventing deforestation and environmental degradation. CBO estimates that implementing S. 2578 would increase spending subject to appropriation by $25 million over the 2027-2031 period and would have insignificant net effects on direct spending.

Specifically, the bill would:

- Authorize the Department of State to provide technical assistance and build Brazil's capacity to disrupt criminal networks harming the basin;
- Authorize the State Department and other federal agencies to promote economic development, environmental protection, and resource management in the region;
- Direct the Department of the Treasury to advocate in favor of efforts by international financial institutions to boost environmental protection and economic development in the Amazon;
- Encourage the United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) to explore economic opportunities in Brazil; and

- Require federal agencies to report to the Congress on their activities under the bill and on related matters.

Spending Subject to Appropriation

The State Department administers a variety of programs that help foreign law enforcement agencies combat trafficking, money laundering, corruption, and other crimes as well as programs that promote sustainable economic development and resource management. Using information about the cost of those programs, CBO estimates that providing the assistance authorized by S. 2578 would cost $5 million per year.

On the basis of information about the costs of similar reports and diplomatic efforts to influence the actions of international organizations, CBO estimates that implementing those provisions of the bill would cost less than $500,000 over the 2027-2031 period.

In total, implementing S. 2578 would cost $25 million over the 2027-2031 period. Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Direct Spending

S. 2578 would authorize DFC to support economic development projects in Brazil, which could increase the amount of insurance provided by the corporation. DFC's insurance program is classified as direct spending. Fees for the insurance program are recorded as offsetting receipts, and thus reduce direct spending, whereas payments for claims and subsidy costs for certain loans increase direct spending. On the basis of information about the program, CBO estimates that increasing the amount of insurance would affect net direct spending by less than $500,000 over the 2027-2036 period.

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