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COST ESTIMATE

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S.J. Res. 58
Joint Resolution to require certifications regarding actions by Saudi Arabia in Yemen, and for other purposes

As reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on May 22, 2018

S.J. Res. 58 would require the Department of State to certify that Saudi Arabia is meeting certain conditions regarding its actions in Yemen. If the department is unable to make those certifications, the bill would prohibit the United States from providing certain in-flight refueling to Saudi Arabia and its allies under section 2342 of title 10, U.S. Code, or other applicable authority. The department could, however, waive that restriction on grounds of national security. The resolution also would require the department to provide the Congress a briefing on the situation in Yemen and a strategy to address U.S. objectives in that country.

Any logistics support, supplies, and services provided by the Department of Defense (DoD) under section 2342 to a non-North Atlantic Treaty Organization country may only be furnished if it is in the national security interest of the United States. CBO expects that in-flight refueling support provided by DoD under any other authority is only provided if it is determined to be in the national security interest of the United States. Thus, we expect that any such support provided to Saudi Arabia and its allies would qualify for a waiver, if needed.

On the basis of information from the Department of State about similar requirements, CBO estimates that implementing the bill and preparing the required certifications, briefing, and strategy would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2019-2023 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting S.J. Res. 58 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting S.J. Res. 58 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

S.J. Res. 58 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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