

## H.R. 5345, Saline Lake Ecosystems in the Great Basin States Program Act of 2021

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on November 17, 2021

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2026	2022-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	23	30
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 5345 would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million annually over the 2022-2027 period for the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to establish and implement a plan to assess, monitor, and conserve saline lake ecosystems and wildlife in the Great Basin. Those funds would be available for federal planning, research, and conservation activities as well as grants to and cooperative agreements with state, local, and tribal governments, and certain private entities.

Using historical spending patterns for similar USGS programs and assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$23 million over the 2022-2026 period and \$7 million after 2026.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).



**Table 1.**  
**Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 5345**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars					2022-2026
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Authorization	5	5	5	5	5	25
Estimated Outlays	*	7	6	5	5	23

\* = between zero and \$500,000.

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