Congressional Budget Office
Cost Estimate

April 15, 2019

H.R. 951, United States-Mexico Tourism Improvement Act of 2019
As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on April 9, 2019

Millions of Dollars	2019	2019-2024	2019-2029
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Deficit Effect	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	1	n.e.

Pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	**Mandate Effects**	
		Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2030?	No	Contains private-sector mandate?	No

n.e. = not estimated; * = between zero and $500,000.

H.R. 951 would require the Department of State to coordinate with Mexico through an existing framework to develop a strategy to improve tourism, encourage entrepreneurship, and develop partnerships between medical and dental institutions in the United States and Mexico. The bill also would require the department to report to the Congress on that strategy.

Since 2013, the United States and Mexico have held annual meetings known as the U.S.-Mexico High Level Economic Dialogue (HLED) to advance shared priorities. Both countries have engaged on a broad range of issues including infrastructure for border crossings, exchanges and other agreements between educational institutions, and economic development.

Using information about the bilateral dialogue under HLED and the costs of similar reports, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 951 would cost less than $500,000 each year and total $1 million over the 2019-2024 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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How CBO Prepares Cost Estimates, www.cbo.gov/publication/53519; and *Glossary*, www.cbo.gov/publication/42904.