

H.R. 1322, a bill to require a report on the effects of climate change on the Coast Guard, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on March 27, 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)	0	*	n.e.
Pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2030?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000; n.e. = not estimated.			

H.R. 1322 would require the Coast Guard (USCG) to report to the Congress, within one year, on the agency’s potential vulnerability to climate-related hazards. For example, the bill would require the USCG to identify the 10 installations that are most vulnerable to risks of rising sea tides, increased flooding, droughts, desertification, wildfires, thawing permafrost, or any other risks identified by the Commandant. The bill would require the USCG to report on potential means of mitigating such risks to those installations and, more broadly, to discuss how climate-related changes affect the agency’s operations, particularly with regard to humanitarian assistance.

Using information from the USCG, CBO expects that implementing H.R. 1322 would not significantly affect the federal budget. Based on the historical cost of similar efforts, CBO estimates that any change in federal spending to complete the required report—which would be subject to appropriation—would not exceed \$500,000.

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