

**S. 910, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2019**

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on April 3, 2019

By Fiscal Year, 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	446	513
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 2030?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

The National Sea Grant College Program is a partnership between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and 33 university-based programs that focuses on studying, conserving, and effectively using U.S. coastal resources. S. 910 would amend the program and would authorize appropriations of about \$513 million over the 2020-2024 period for NOAA to implement the program. The bill would restrict the use of funds allocated to the program's policy fellowship, reduce the frequency of reports to the Congress, and update the process for designating new institutions to be a part of the program.

Based on historical spending patterns and assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$445 million over the 2020-2024 period and \$68 million after 2024. In 2019, NOAA allocated \$80 million to the program. The costs, as detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

**Table 1.**  
**Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under S. 910**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2019-2024
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Authorization	0	94	98	102	107	112	513
Estimated Outlays	0	55	80	97	104	109	445

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