

S. 1289, Measuring the Economic Impact of Broadband Act of 2019

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on May 15, 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	2	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
n.e. = not estimated.			

S. 1289 would require the Department of Commerce to submit a report to the Congress assessing the effects of broadband deployment on the U.S. economy. The first report would be due two years after the bill's enactment, with subsequent reports due every two years. Such reports would consider the effect of e-commerce, peer-to-peer commerce (such as Etsy), and the production of digital media on the U.S. economy. The Department would be required to consider the effect of broadband deployment on employment, job creation, business headcounts, income, telehealth, and agriculture.

Using information from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1289 would cost \$2 million over the 2019-2024 period for the BEA to coordinate with several federal agencies and to produce the required analyses and reports; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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