

**S. 249, a bill to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization, and for other purposes**

As reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on June 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)	*	*	*
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 2030?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

S. 249 would expand an existing requirement for the Department of State to report on its efforts to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at annual meetings of the World Health Organization. The department would report on how it has changed and refined its efforts following recent meetings that excluded Taiwan. In addition, the bill would require the department to periodically brief the Congress on U.S. actions to improve Taiwan’s diplomatic relationships with foreign countries.

On the basis of information about similar requirements, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2019-2024 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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