

H.R. 2327, Burma Political Prisoners Assistance Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on June 20, 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	0	0
Statutory 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

H.R. 2327 would require the Department of State to continue to assist civic organizations in Burma that work to support and obtain the release of political prisoners in that country. Such assistance may include:

- Documenting human rights violations,
- Supporting advocacy for political prisoners,
- Supporting efforts to repeal or amend laws used to imprison individuals for political reasons,
- Supporting mental health for political prisoners, and
- Creating an independent review system for legal cases.

Currently, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Department of State provide assistance to civic organizations in Burma that support political prisoners. On the basis of information from USAID, CBO expects that such support will continue. Because the bill would codifying current practice, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2327 would not affect the federal budget.

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