

S. 1539, Protecting Faith-Based and Nonprofit Organizations from Terrorism Act of 2019

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on June 19, 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	166	368
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

S. 1539 would authorize the appropriation of \$75 million annually from 2020 through 2024 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide grants to certain nonprofit organizations to enhance security measures aimed at guarding against terrorist attacks. Those measures would include hardening potential targets with physical security and covering the costs of security training for employees. Under the bill, states would administer the grants to the nonprofit organizations. The bill also would require FEMA to report annually to the Congress about the spending of funds provided to recipients.

FEMA currently administers the Nonprofit Security Grant Program and in 2018 allocated funds totaling \$60 million to make grants under that program.

Based on historical spending patterns for the grants made under that program, CBO estimates implementing the bill would cost \$166 million over the 2020-2024 period and \$202 million after 2024, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

The costs of the legislation (detailed in Table 1) fall within budget function 450 (community and regional development).

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under S. 1539

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2019-2024
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Estimated Authorization	0	75	75	75	75	75	375
Estimated Outlays	0	5	17	31	49	64	166

On July 9, 2019, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2476, the Securing American Non-Profit Organizations Against Terrorism Act of 2019, as passed by the House of Representatives on June 10, 2019. The two pieces of legislation are similar and CBO's estimates of their costs are the same.

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