

H.R. 2037, Saudi Arabia Human Rights and Accountability Act of 2019

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on June 26, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2019	2019-2024	2019-2029
Direct Spending (Outlays)	*	*	*
Revenues	*	*	*
Deficit Effect	*	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	*
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	Yes	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
* = between -\$500,000 and \$500,000.			

H.R. 2037 would require the Director of National Intelligence to report to the Congress on foreign people who he determines played a role in killing Jamal Khashoggi or obstructed the ensuing investigation. The bill would require the Administration to sanction those foreign people by denying them permission to travel to, enter into, or remain in the United States. Finally, the bill would require the Secretary of State to assess whether the United States should restrict security assistance to Saudi Arabia, to report to the Congress on violations of human rights in Saudi Arabia, and to describe actions taken by the United States to address those violations.

Enacting H.R. 2037 would increase the number of people who would be denied visas by the Department of State. Most visa fees are retained by the department and spent without further appropriation, but some fees are deposited in the Treasury as revenues. However, CBO expects H.R. 2037 would affect very few additional people and thus would have insignificant effects on both revenues and direct spending.

Using information about the costs of similar reports, CBO estimates that satisfying the reporting requirements in H.R. 2037 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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