

## H.R. 1138, an act to reauthorize the West Valley demonstration project, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on July 16, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2019	2019-2024	2019-2029
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	319	525
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

H.R. 1138 would authorize the appropriation of \$75 million annually over the 2020-2026 period for the Department of Energy (DOE) to continue cleanup activities at the West Valley Demonstration Project, a nuclear waste remediation site in New York.

In 2019, DOE allocated \$75 million for cleanup activities at the site. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, and based on historical spending patterns for similar programs, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1138 would cost \$319 million over the 2019-2024 period.

The act also would require the Government Accountability Office to report to the Congress on options for disposing of the site's nuclear waste. Based on the costs of similar tasks, CBO estimates that any costs to complete the report would be insignificant; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The costs of the legislation (detailed in Table 1) fall within budget function 270 (energy).

**Table 1.  
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 1138**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars											2019-2024	2019-2029
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029		
Authorization	0	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	0	0	0	375	525
Estimated Outlays	0	38	60	71	75	75	75	75	38	15	3	319	525

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