

S. 1148, ATC Hiring Reform Act of 2019

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on July 24, 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	*	*
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
* = between -\$500,000 and zero.			

S. 1148 would change the hiring preferences the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) uses when hiring air traffic controllers. Specifically, the bill would authorize the FAA to prioritize hiring air traffic controllers who are military veterans and who have graduated from an FAA Collegiate Training Initiative school. The bill also would require the Inspector General of the Department of Transportation to report to the Congress on the pre-employment test used for air traffic controllers. Under the bill, the FAA would report every six months to the Congress on the hiring and training of air traffic controllers.

Using information from the FAA, CBO estimates that the additional flexibility under the bill could make it easier to hire air traffic controllers, but any reduced costs would not be significant over the 2020-2024 period.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Matthew Pickford. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

September 12, 2019

Honorable Roger Wicker
Chairman
Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for S. 1148, the ATC Hiring Reform Act of 2019.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Matthew Pickford, who can be reached at 226-2860.

Sincerely,

Phillip L. Swagel

Enclosure

cc: Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member