

H.R. 3115, Living Shorelines Act of 2019

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on September 25, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2024	2020-2029
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	10	175	300
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. 3115 would authorize the appropriation of \$50 million a year over the 2020-2025 period for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make grants to state and local governments, nonprofit organizations, and Indian tribes to design and implement projects that restore or stabilize shorelines. Such projects would use natural materials to create buffers to lessen shoreline erosion by minimizing the impact of storms, currents, and flooding.

Using historical spending patterns for similar grant programs, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3115 would cost \$175 million over the 2020-2024 period and \$125 million after 2024, assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts. The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 3115

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars										2020- 2024	2020- 2029
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029		
Authorization	50	50	50	50	50	50	0	0	0	0	250	300
Estimated Outlays	10	25	40	50	50	50	40	25	10	0	175	300

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