

**H.R. 4334, Dignity in Aging Act of 2019**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Education and Labor on September 18, 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)	<b>1,187</b>	<b>10,948</b>	<b>12,322</b>
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. 4334 would amend the Older Americans Act (OAA) of 1965, which provides funding through the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Labor (DOL) for services to the elderly. HHS administers most programs authorized by the act, including congregate and home-delivered meals, home and community-based supportive services (such as assistance with transportation, in-home care, and adult day care), and support for caregivers. DOL administers the Senior Community Service Employment program, which provides low-income senior citizens with work-based job training and community service opportunities. The authorization for the OAA programs expired at the end of fiscal year 2019; those programs received discretionary appropriations totaling \$2.1 billion that year. H.R. 4334 also would extend the authority and obligations of the Family Caregiving Advisory Council and the Advisory Council to Support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren for an additional year to 2022. Those extensions would cost less than \$500,000 in 2022.

H.R. 4334 would authorize the appropriation of \$12.5 billion over the 2020-2024 period for OAA programs. Assuming appropriation of specified amounts, and based on historical spending patterns, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$10.9 billion over the same period and \$1.4 billion after 2024. The bill would authorize the appropriation of specific amounts for those programs, totaling \$10.1 billion for HHS, and \$2.4 billion for DOL over the 2020-2024 period.



For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 4334 will be enacted near the beginning of 2020. The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 500 (education, training, employment, and social services.)

**Table 1.**  
**Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 4334**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars					2020-2024
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Health and Human Services						
Authorization	1,788	1,894	2,006	2,125	2,252	10,065
Estimated Outlays	1,112	1,761	1,919	2,043	2,167	9,002
Department of Labor						
Authorization	429	455	482	511	542	2,418
Estimated Outlays	75	421	454	483	513	1,946
Total Changes						
Authorization	2,217	2,348	2,488	2,636	2,793	12,483
Estimated Outlays	1,187	2,182	2,372	2,526	2,680	10,948

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