

S. 1739, Department of Energy National Labs Jobs ACCESS Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on November 19, 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)	*	14	25
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 zero and \$500,000.			

S. 1739 would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million annually through 2024 for the Department of Energy (DOE), in consultation with the Department of Labor (DOL), to establish the Department of Energy National Lab Jobs ACCESS Program. Under the proposed program, DOE would award five-year grants and provide technical assistance to entities that facilitate preapprenticeship and apprenticeship programs that provide postsecondary credentials and prepare students for obtaining technician positions at the National Laboratories and the National Nuclear Security Administration. The bill also would require DOL to report to the Congress on the proposed program.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 1739 would cost \$14 million over the 2020-2024 period and \$11 million after 2024, assuming appropriation of the specified amounts and that the bill is enacted near the end of 2019. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar programs, adjusted for the timing of assumed implementation. The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, would fall within budget functions 270 (energy) and 500 (education, training, employment, and social services).

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under S. 1739

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars										2020- 2024	2020- 2029
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029		
Authorization	5	5	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	25	25
Estimated Outlays	*	2	3	4	5	5	3	2	1	*	14	25

* = between zero and \$500,000.

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