

H.R. 2382, USPS Fairness Act

As introduced on April 29, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2025	2020-2030
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	0	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

Under current law, the Postal Service (USPS) is required to fully prefund retiree health benefits for its employees by making payments into the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund in the Treasury. In 2019, the required payment was about \$4.6 billion. USPS has not made any of those payments since 2010 and CBO does not expect the Postal Service to make them in any year over the 2020-2030 period. H.R. 2382 would repeal the requirement to make those payments. Because the bill would not affect any USPS payments or receipts nor change any underlying eligibility for retiree health care benefits, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2382 would have no effect on the federal budget.

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