

**H.R. 496, Sinkhole Mapping Act of 2019**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on January 15, 2020

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)	*	4	not estimated
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 2031?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 496 would direct the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to study the causes of sinkholes and to develop maps depicting the areas most at risk of developing sinkholes. The bill also would require the USGS to review those maps every five years, update them as necessary, and publish them online.

Using information from USGS about the cost of completing similar mapping activities and accounting for additional costs associated with creating and maintaining a public website and database for those maps and other information, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 496 would cost \$4 million over the 2020-2025 period. Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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