

H.R. 5664, Leveraging Information on Foreign Traffickers Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on March 4, 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)	*	3	not estimated
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 2031?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 5664 would authorize the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking to carry out its duties through 2025. The bill also would allow the Department of State to compensate members of the council for their work and would require the department to report to the Congress on how it plans to do so. The council is a nongovernmental body with eight members that advises the Department of State and other federal entities and reviews federal efforts to monitor and prevent trafficking in persons. The authority for the council to operate expires at the end of fiscal year 2021. On the basis of information from the department about the council's ongoing duties and activities, CBO estimates that administrative support, travel, and per diem expenses of the council would cost about \$450,000 each year over the 2022-2025 period.

In addition, CBO estimates that under H.R. 5664 council members would be compensated for an average of 50 days each year at the maximum daily rate for government consultants (\$650 in 2020 and adjusting for inflation).

Under current law, the department can deny visas to individuals suspected of trafficking in persons. The bill would require the department to report to the Congress on those visa denials, on how it shares information about those denials within the department, and on how it uses the information to allocate resources to monitor and prevent trafficking. CBO

estimates that providing that report would cost the department less than \$500,000 over the 2020-2025 period.

In total, implementing H.R. 5664 would cost the department less than \$500,000 in 2020 and \$3 million over the 2020-2025 period, CBO estimates. Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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