

**H.R. 2748, SAFE Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on January 29, 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)	*	6	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. 2748 would establish three groups to work on the expected effects of climate change. One group, the National Fish, Wildlife, and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy Joint Implementation Working Group, would be required to create and implement a national strategy with respect to climate change and to report biannually on its activities. The National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center and an advisory committee on Climate Change and Natural Resources would provide support for the working group.

Using information about the cost of similar activities, CBO estimates that creating the working group and national strategy would cost about \$500,000 annually and \$3 million over the 2020-2025 period. The report and the advisory committee on climate change would each cost less than \$500,000 annually, but together would cost about \$3 million over the 2020-2025 period. The proposed National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center already exists as the Climate Adaptation Science Center; thus, CBO estimates there would be no significant cost to implement that provision. In total, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2748 would cost \$6 million over the 2020-2025 period; that spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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