

H.R. 2733, Savanna's Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on March 11, 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)	*	14	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 ma	ndate? No		
		Contains private-sector mandat	e? No		
* = between zero and \$500,000					

H.R. 2733 would direct the Department of Justice (DOJ) to provide training to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies on how to record information about tribal affiliation in federal crime databases with respect to Indians who are victims of crimes. The bill also would require DOJ to create guidelines and best practices for law enforcement and criminal investigations occurring on Indian lands and reservations to improve responses to cases of missing or murdered Indians. (Some reservation lands are under the jurisdiction of the federal government.)

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted in late 2020. Under that assumption, the agency would incur some costs in 2020, but CBO expects that most of the costs would be incurred in 2021 and later.

Using information from DOJ about the efforts needed to implement H.R. 2733, CBO estimates that the bill would cost \$14 million over the 2020-2025 period, assuming appropriation of the estimated amounts. Most of those costs would be incurred by DOJ attorneys and staff to consult with interested parties, travel, develop guidance, and disseminate information to law enforcement partners.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 450 (community and regional development).

Table 1. Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 2733										
	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars									
_	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2020-2025			
Estimated Authorization	*	7	5	1	*	*	14			
Estimated Outlays	*	7	5	1	*	*	14			

Components do not sum to totals because of rounding; * = between zero and \$500,000.

On December 20, 2019, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 227, Savanna's Act, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on November 20, 2019. H.R. 2733 and S. 227 are similar and the total estimated costs are the same for both bills. The difference in CBO's estimated costs for each year reflect different assumed dates of enactment.

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