

H.R. 1488, Global Electoral Exchange Act of 2021

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on April 21, 2021

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2021	2021-2026	2021-2031
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	5	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 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 1488 would authorize the Department of State to establish an international exchange program to promote the sound administration of elections. Under the program the department would bring foreign professionals and volunteers who organize elections to the United States to learn about election procedures, particularly related to cybersecurity, transparency, dispute resolution, voter registration, and access to polling places. It also would take U.S. or foreign election officials and administrators to other countries to study and discuss election procedures. The bill would require the department to brief the Congress on the program's implementation and encourage the department to maintain a network of alumni.

On the basis of information from the department about its specialized exchange programs, and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1488 would require additional appropriations of \$1 million each year and cost \$5 million over the 2021-2026 period.

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