

S. 1894, Regional Ocean Partnership Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on June 16, 2021

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2026	2022-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	7	49	56
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

S. 1894 would authorize the appropriation of specific amounts totaling \$57 million over the 2022-2026 period for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide grants to regional ocean partnerships. Those partnerships would consist of coastal states that share a common ocean or coastal area. Under the bill, a partnership would coordinate conservation efforts and other related activities of state, federal, and tribal governments and work with international counterparts to conserve shared coastal resources. The bill would designate four current partnerships under the program and create a process for other groups of two or more coastal states to apply for recognition as such a partnership.

Based on historical spending patterns for similar activities, and assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1894 would cost \$49 million over the 2022-2026 period and \$7 million after 2026 (about 1 percent of the authorized amounts would not be spent). The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).



Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under S. 1894

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars					2022-2026
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Authorization	11	11	11	11	12	57
Estimated Outlays	7	9	11	11	11	49

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

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