

Reconciliation Recommendations of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
 As ordered reported on September 9, 2021

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2026	2022-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	1,644	28,270	44,595
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase in the Deficit	1,644	28,270	44,595
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	Yes	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any year after 2031?	Yes	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
CBO has not reviewed the legislation for effects on spending subject to appropriation.			

S. Con. Res. 14, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022, instructed some committees of the House of Representatives to recommend legislative changes which would increase deficits up to a specified amount over the 2022-2031 period. As part of this reconciliation process, the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology approved legislation on September 9, 2021, with provisions that would increase deficits.

The legislation would appropriate nearly \$46 billion in 2022 to improve infrastructure, facilities, equipment, and oversight and expand research and development activities within various federal agencies that study basic science, energy, weather, and climate change. Based on historical outlay rates for similar activities, CBO estimates that a portion of that appropriation for some programs would not be spent and for other programs would be spent after 2031. Thus, enacting the legislation would increase the deficit by nearly \$45 billion over the 2022-2031 period.



Specifically, the legislation would provide funds to the following agencies:

- Economic Development Administration, \$5.0 billion;
- Department of Energy, \$15.6 billion;
- Environmental Protection Agency, \$0.3 billion;
- Federal Emergency Management Agency, \$0.8 billion;
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration, \$4.4 billion;
- National Institute of Standards and Technology, \$4.2 billion;
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, \$4.3 billion; and
- National Science Foundation, roughly \$11.0 billion.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget functions 250 (general science, space, and technology), 270 (energy), 300 (natural resources and environment), 370 (commerce and housing credit), 400 (transportation), and 450 (community and regional development).

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Table 1.
Estimated Budgetary Effects of the Reconciliation Recommendations of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars										2022-2026	2022-2031
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031		
Increases in Direct Spending												
Sec. 90001 - Department of Commerce Regional Innovation												
Budget Authority	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,000
Estimated Outlays	250	400	500	650	800	900	750	250	150	50	2,600	4,700
Sec. 90002 - Funding for DOE Laboratory Infrastructure												
Budget Authority	12,250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,250	12,250
Estimated Outlays	282	1,087	1,678	2,552	2,333	1,654	1,596	520	415	97	7,932	12,214
Sec. 90003 - DOE Research, Development, and Demonstration Activities												
Budget Authority	3,311	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,311	3,311
Estimated Outlays	135	748	870	719	393	225	119	61	5	0	2,865	3,275
Sec. 90004 - EPA Climate Change Research and Development												
Budget Authority	264	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	264	264
Estimated Outlays	53	75	84	35	13	4	0	0	0	0	260	264
Sec. 90005 - FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grants												
Budget Authority	798	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	798	798
Estimated Outlays	30	153	168	183	149	93	0	0	0	0	683	776
Sec. 90006 - Firefighter Grant Oversight												
Budget Authority	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Estimated Outlays	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	2
Sec. 90007 - NASA Infrastructure												
Budget Authority	4,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,000	4,000
Estimated Outlays	60	120	280	600	800	800	680	400	120	100	1,860	3,960

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Increases in Direct Spending												
Sec. 90008 - NASA Climate Change Research and Development												
Budget Authority	388	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	388	388
Estimated Outlays	50	120	165	40	13	0	0	0	0	0	388	388
Sec. 90009 - NASA Oversight and Cybersecurity												
Budget Authority	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12
Estimated Outlays	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	8	12
Sec. 90010 - NIST Research												
Budget Authority	1,195	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,195	1,195
Estimated Outlays	100	131	138	143	148	153	159	165	52	6	660	1,195
Sec. 90011 - NIST Supporting American Manufacturing												
Budget Authority	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,000	2,000
Estimated Outlays	75	275	345	305	295	280	220	140	55	10	1,295	2,000
Sec. 90012 - NIST Research Facilities												
Budget Authority	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
Estimated Outlays	30	70	110	185	200	185	140	60	20	0	595	1,000
Sec. 90013 - NIST Oversight												
Budget Authority	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Estimated Outlays	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Sec. 90014 - NOAA Weather, Ocean, and Climate Research and Forecasting												
Budget Authority	1,240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,240	1,240
Estimated Outlays	62	124	248	434	248	62	31	0	0	0	1,116	1,209

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Increases in Direct Spending												
Sec. 90015 - NOAA Climate Adaptation and Resilience Activities												
Budget Authority	765	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	765	765
Estimated Outlays	122	180	158	140	140	10	0	0	0	0	740	750
Sec. 90016 - NOAA High Performance Computing												
Budget Authority	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	70
Estimated Outlays	7	14	14	21	7	4	2	0	0	0	63	69
Sec. 90017 - NOAA Phased Array Radar												
Budget Authority	224	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	224	224
Estimated Outlays	11	18	22	29	34	34	22	18	7	2	114	197
Sec. 90018 - NOAA Hurricane Hunter Aircraft												
Budget Authority	1,024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,024	1,024
Estimated Outlays	51	205	307	154	154	41	10	0	0	0	871	922
Sec. 90019 - NOAA Uncrewed Systems												
Budget Authority	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12
Estimated Outlays	1	2	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	11	12
Sec. 90020 - NOAA Research Infrastructure												
Budget Authority	743	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	743	743
Estimated Outlays	89	149	223	134	89	37	0	0	0	0	684	721
Sec. 90021 - NOAA Space Weather												
Budget Authority	173	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	173	173
Estimated Outlays	43	78	26	17	5	0	0	0	0	0	169	169

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Increases in Direct Spending												
Sec. 90022 - NOAA Oversight												
Budget Authority	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Estimated Outlays	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Sec. 90023 - NSF Infrastructure												
Budget Authority	3,430	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,430	3,430
Estimated Outlays	35	100	275	340	410	690	860	345	140	105	1,160	3,300
Sec. 90024 - NSF Research and Development												
Budget Authority	7,550	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,550	7,550
Estimated Outlays	150	230	760	1,130	1,890	1,510	1,130	380	150	70	4,160	7,400
Sec. 90025 - NSF Oversight												
Budget Authority	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50
Estimated Outlays	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	25	50
Total Direct Spending												
Budget Authority	45,511	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45,511	45,511
Estimated Outlays	1,644	4,288	6,385	7,822	8,130	6,689	5,725	2,345	1,120	445	28,270	44,595

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

DOE = Department of Energy; EPA = Environmental Protection Agency; FEMA = Federal Emergency Management Agency;
 NASA = National Aeronautics and Space Administration; NIST = National Institute of Standards and Technology;
 NOAA = National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; NSF = National Science Foundation.

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Budget authority reflects appropriations specifically provided in the legislation.

The Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA) requires the annual sequestration of nonexempt mandatory spending programs. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) determines which accounts are subject to reductions under the BCA.

New mandatory funding provided in this legislation also may be subject to the annual sequestration of mandatory spending required by the Budget Control Act of 2011, but CBO does not have sufficient information to determine which of the new budgetary resources OMB would determine are subject to those reductions or how the reductions would be applied. For that reason, the amounts shown in this table for new mandatory funding have not been reduced to account for possible sequestration.