

H.R. 2931, Enhancing Grid Security through Public-Private Partnerships Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on June 10, 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	*	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?	Yes, Under Threshold
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 2931 would direct the Department of Energy (DOE) to establish a program to collaborate with federal, state, and private sector entities to assess and improve the cyber and physical security of electric utilities. The bill would authorize DOE to provide guidance, training, and technical assistance to electric utilities and would specify program reporting and administrative requirements.

Using information from DOE, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2931 would not significantly affect the federal budget because the activities authorized by the bill are consistent with DOE's existing efforts related to energy infrastructure security. CBO also estimates that providing the required reports would cost less than \$500,000; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriations.

H.R. 2931 would impose an intergovernmental mandate as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act by preempting state, local, and tribal laws that could otherwise cause governmental agencies to disclose information collected by the Department of Energy under the program, such as plans to enhance cybersecurity. Although the preemption would limit the application of state, local, and tribal laws, CBO estimates that it would impose no duty on those governments that would result in additional spending or a loss of revenues.

H.R. 2931 contains no private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.



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