

**H.R. 2994, Accountability for Acting Officials Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Reform on July 20, 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)	*	*	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
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
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 2994 would amend the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 to establish eligibility requirements for service as the acting head of a federal agency. Specifically, a designee would need to have served in the “first assistant” role for at least 30 days during the previous year and in any position within that agency for at least one year. The bill would permit an inspector general’s first assistant to serve as acting inspector general, and it would allow the President to appoint an acting inspector general (within certain experience requirements) if both positions were vacant.

CBO expects that the bill would not materially affect how the government handles such vacancies. On that basis, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2994 would have no significant cost.

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