

H.R. 8503, Securing Global Telecommunications Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on July 28, 2022

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2027	2022-2032
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	1	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 2033?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 8503 would establish a committee to advise the Department of State on digital technologies and telecommunications and would authorize the appropriation of \$250,000 for that purpose. It also would require the department to provide the Congress a strategy to promote the use of secure telecommunications infrastructure worldwide. Lastly, the bill would require the department to report to the Congress on its collaboration with U.S. allies to promote secure infrastructure for information and communications technology and on Russian and Chinese influence at the International Telecommunication Union. Assuming appropriation of the specified amount and on the basis of information about the cost of similar strategies and reports, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$1 million over the 2022-2027 period.

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