

H.R. 4458, KELP Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on February 16, 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	27	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. 4458 would require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to award grants for projects that would conserve, restore, or manage kelp forest ecosystems (shallow, underwater ecosystems consisting of various algae species). Recipients could include commercial and recreational anglers; academic institutions; nonprofit organizations; and state, local, and tribal governments.

Using information on similar programs and accounting for anticipated inflation, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4458 would cost \$27 million over the 2022-2027 period, assuming appropriation of the estimated amounts. 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 H.R. 4458

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2022-2027
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
Estimated Authorization	0	7	7	7	7	8	36
Estimated Outlays	0	2	5	6	7	7	27

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