

**S. 3664, Right Whale Coexistence Act of 2022**

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on March 22, 2022

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2027	2022-2032
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	*	*
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	*	*
<b>Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>144</b>
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	Yes	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2033?	< \$5 billion	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between -\$500,000 and zero.			

S. 3664 would authorize the appropriation of \$15.3 million annually from 2023 through 2032 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to provide competitive grants for projects to conserve North Atlantic right whales (\$15.0 million) and to conduct ongoing surveys using continuous plankton recorders (\$0.3 million).

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 3664 would cost \$67 million over the 2023-2027 period and \$86 million after 2027. 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 S. 3664**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2022-2027
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
Authorization	0	15	15	15	15	15	77
Estimated Outlays	0	9	13	15	15	15	67

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

Enacting the bill also would decrease direct spending by less than \$500,000 over the 2023-2032 period.



Under the bill, NOAA also would be authorized to accept and spend monetary gifts to supplement appropriated funds provided for right whale conservation. The receipt and spending of such gifts are recorded in the budget as direct spending. Because any money received would probably be spent soon thereafter, CBO estimates that the net effect on direct spending would be negligible.

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