

S. 3650, PLUM Act of 2022

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on March 30, 2022

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2023	2023-2027	2023-2032
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	2	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
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

S. 3650 would require the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to maintain the website for *United States Government Policy and Supporting Positions*, a directory often called the Plum Book that lists government positions and government policies; the print version would be discontinued in 2026. The bill also would require annual updates of the volume and would direct the Government Accountability Office to report on the website’s accuracy.

The Government Publishing Office currently maintains the Plum Book’s website and makes available a print version, which is revised every four years, alternately by the House Committee on Oversight and Reform and the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

CBO estimates that transferring management of the website to OPM would not have a significant net cost and that discontinuing the print version would reduce costs by an insignificant amount. CBO estimates that the cost of annual updates would be insignificant for any one agency and would total about \$2 million over the 2023-2027 period. Any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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