

**H.R. 6654, CASC Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 13, 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
<b>Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>509</b>
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 2033?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 6654 would authorize National and Regional Climate Adaptation Science Centers, which are maintained by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) within the Department of the Interior. The centers provide expertise on extreme weather and climate trends to federal and nonfederal groups that manage natural and cultural resources. The bill also would require the department to establish a committee to advise the centers on research priorities. The centers received \$41 million in funding for fiscal year 2022.

H.R. 6654 would authorize the appropriation of \$84 million for fiscal year 2023 for the centers' operations. That amount would increase by \$10 million annually through 2027. Using historical spending patterns for USGS programs, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6654 would cost \$471 million over the 2023-2027 period and \$509 million over the 2023-2032 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 300 (natural resources).



**Table 1.**  
**Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 6654**

	By Fiscal Years, Millions of Dollars					2023-2027
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
Authorization	84	94	104	114	124	520
Estimated Outlays	60	86	98	109	118	471

This program received an appropriation of \$41 million in 2022 and that appropriation has been extended under the continuing resolution, Public Law 117-180. The amount in 2023 shows what would be authorized in the bill and is not adjusted for the amounts in the continuing resolution

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