

## H.R. 5015, Seedlings for Sustainable Habitat Restoration Act of 2024

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 16, 2024

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2024	2024-2029	2024-2034
Direct Spending (Outlays)	*	*	*
Revenues	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	*	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	<b>No</b>	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	<b>Yes</b>
		<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	<b>No</b>	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	<b>No</b>
		Contains private-sector mandate?	<b>No</b>
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 5015 would expand the Forest Service’s authority to award grants to and enter into cooperative agreements with universities and state, local, and tribal governments to carry out ecosystem restoration and revegetation programs authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The bill also would include seedling production as an eligible practice under those programs.

The IIJA appropriated \$70 million and \$130 million to the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service, respectively, over the 2022-2026 period to carry out such restoration and revegetation programs nationwide. Those amounts were designated as an emergency requirement.

Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO expects that the expanded authorities under the bill could increase how fast the amounts appropriated by the IIJA are spent. Because the bill would affect previously appropriated funds, any effect on spending would be treated as direct spending. However, CBO estimates any increase in spending would be insignificant over the 2024-2034 period.

See also

[CBO’s Cost Estimates Explained](#), [CBO Describes Its Cost-Estimating Process](#), [Glossary](#)



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