

H.R. 7776, Help Hoover Dam Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 12, 2024

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2025	2025-2029	2025-2034
Direct Spending (Outlays)	29	48	48
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	29	48	48
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	0	0
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	Yes
		Mandate Effects	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 7776 would allow the Department of the Interior (DOI) to use money from a particular account within the Colorado River Dam Fund to pay for operations, maintenance, and repairs of the Hoover Dam. Under current law, amounts collected from Hoover Dam project contractors are deposited into the fund and, excepting that one account, are available to be spent for those purposes. The bill would allow DOI to draw from that account for Hoover Dam projects.

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted before the end of calendar year 2024. Using information from the Office of Management and Budget, CBO estimates that \$48 million currently in the fund would become available to DOI under the bill; CBO does not expect any additional deposits into that account. Based on historical spending patterns, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would cost \$48 million over the 2025-2034 period. That spending would be classified as direct spending because the bill would allow those amounts to be spent without further appropriation.

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

See also

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Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Direct Spending Under H.R. 7776

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars										2025-2029	2025-2034
	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034		
Estimated Budget Authority	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	48
Estimated Outlays	29	17	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	48

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