

H.R. 3012, North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2023

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on May 16, 2024

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2024	2024-2029	2024-2034
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	38	41
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?	No
		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
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 3012 would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million each year through 2028 for ongoing programs managed by the Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and the U.S. Agency for Global Media to provide humanitarian assistance to North Korean refugees, improve access to information in North Korea, and promote democracy and human rights in that country. H.R. 3012 also would require the Administration to report to the Congress on the implementation of the bill and related matters. Authorizations for those activities had previously extended through 2022. Similar activities were funded through appropriations for 2023 and 2024.

CBO estimates that H.R. 3012 would increase authorizations by \$41 million. Implementing the bill would increase outlays by \$38 million over the 2024-2029 period; the remainder would be spent after 2029. Any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The specified annual authorizations comprise:

- \$5 million to provide humanitarian assistance to North Korean refugees,
- \$3 million to increase the availability of information inside North Korea, and

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- \$2 million to promote human rights and democracy in North Korea.

On the basis of information about the costs of similar reports, CBO estimates that satisfying the bill’s reporting requirements would cost less than \$500,000 annually and \$1 million in total over the 2024-2029 period.

For this estimate, CBO assumes the bill will be enacted in 2024, that specified and estimated amounts will be appropriated, and that spending will follow historical patterns for similar activities. The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 150 (international affairs).

**Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 3012**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2024-2029
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
Specified Authorizations							
Authorization	0	10	10	10	10	0	40
Estimated Outlays	0	7	8	9	10	3	37
Reports							
Estimated Authorization	0	*	*	*	1	0	1
Estimated Outlays	0	*	*	*	1	0	1
Total Changes							
Estimated Authorization	0	10	10	10	11	0	41
Estimated Outlays	0	7	8	9	11	3	38

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding; * = between zero and \$500,000.

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