

## H.R. 9460, DHS Joint Task Forces Reauthorization Act of 2024

As reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on September 18, 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	14	not estimated
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
		<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
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. 9460 would extend through 2026 the authority for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to create and operate joint task forces (JTFs). DHS currently operates one joint task force—Joint Task Force-East. JTFs integrate and coordinate resources, intelligence, planning and operations across DHS’s component units, including the Coast Guard, Customs and Border Protection, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. DHS uses JTFs to combat transnational criminal organizations, enforce immigration laws, and coordinate its border security efforts. Under current law, DHS’s authority to establish and operate JTFs expires at the end of 2024.

H.R. 9460 also would require DHS to create a staffing plan for any JTF it establishes and report to the Congress annually on the plan and the effectiveness of each task force in operation. Finally, the bill would require DHS to report to the Congress on the feasibility of relocating the headquarters of the Joint Task Force-East.

In recent years, Joint Task Force-East has been staffed by about 35 people each year. Using information from DHS about its current staffing and spending on this JTF and the costs for similar reporting requirements, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 9460 would cost \$14 million over the 2024-2029 period, primarily for personnel costs. Any related spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

See also

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



On August 12, 2024, CBO transmitted a [cost estimate for S. 4698](#), the DHS Joint Task Forces Reauthorization Act of 2024, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on July 31, 2024. The two bills are similar, and CBO's estimates of their budgetary effects are the same.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Jeremy Crimm. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

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