

H.R. 9686, HEALTH Panel Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Budget on September 25, 2024

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2025	2025-2029	2025-2034
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	*	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
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. 9686 would amend the Congressional Budget Act to establish in statute a Panel of Health Advisors for the Congressional Budget Office. Under the bill, the 15-person panel would provide technical advice to CBO, meet at least once each year, and report annually to the House and Senate Committees on the Budget.

CBO established a Panel of Health Advisors in 2007 to provide technical advice on health care issues. The panel currently has 22 members and meets once annually.

Based on the staff time necessary to support the current panel, CBO expects that we would need a few additional resources to meet the additional requirements under the bill. CBO estimates that the administrative expenses associated with implementing the bill would total less than \$500,000 over the 2025-2029 period; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

See also

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



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

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