

S. 979, Federal Advance Contracts Enhancement Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on June 19, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2019	2019-2024	2019-2029
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Deficit Effect	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	2	n.e.
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2030?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
n.e. = not estimated.			

Under the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was required to provide a report to the Congress identifying goods and services that the agency is capable of contracting for in advance of disasters, as well as a strategy outlining how the agency could use advance contracts in a practical and cost-effective manner.

S. 979 would require FEMA, within 6 months of enactment, to provide an updated report and strategy to the Congress that includes new information about how advance contracts can be better employed by the agency. The bill also would require FEMA to undertake a variety of actions with respect to contracts including communicating complete and up-to-date information on available advance contracts to state and local governments.

FEMA's Office of Chief Procurement Officer employs 54 staff focused on implementing advance contracts and is currently performing all of the activities required by S. 979, with the exception of communicating with state and local governments.

Using information from FEMA, CBO estimates that the agency would need about \$150,000 to develop a strategy for communicating information to state and local governments and would complete the strategy in 2020. After that, CBO expects the agency would start

conducting two briefings each year with state and local officials. CBO estimates the agency would require the equivalent of 3 full-time employees for those briefings, at an annual cost of about \$400,000. In total, CBO estimates that the briefings would cost \$2 million over the 2020-2024 period; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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