

S. 1867, DHS Countering Unmanned Aircraft Systems Coordinator 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	3	3
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

S. 1867 would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to designate one of its officials to coordinate the department's efforts to combat threats from unmanned aircraft systems (or drones) and to provide a staff for that person. The bill's provisions would expire in December 2022.

Using information from DHS, we expect the designated coordinator would need a staff of about five senior employees to coordinate those efforts including promoting research and development; serving as a liaison with state, local, and tribal entities; and sharing information with the private sector. Assuming enactment by the end of 2019, CBO estimates that the additional staff would cost about \$3 million through December 2022 (a period of about three years). Any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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