

S. 983, Weatherization Enhancement and Local Energy Efficiency Investment and Accountability Act of 2019

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on July 16, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2019	2019-2024	2019-2029
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	1,163	1,750
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. 983 would modify the standards and procedures governing the Department of Energy’s (DOE’s) weatherization assistance and training programs and authorize the appropriation of \$350 million for those activities for each of the fiscal years 2020 through 2024. Under the bill, a portion of that funding would be allocated for measures that would improve the energy efficiency of housing units occupied by low-income people, subject to certain conditions. Other provisions would expand eligibility for training programs, allow installations of renewable energy sources, and modify other administrative procedures.

The estimated budgetary effects of S. 983 are shown in Table 1. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted before the end of 2019, that appropriations will be provided as authorized, and that spending will follow historical patterns for DOE’s weatherization and training programs. The Congress provided \$257 million for those programs for fiscal year 2019.

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under S. 983

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2019-2024
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Authorization	0	350	350	350	350	350	1,750
Estimated Outlays	0	70	175	263	315	340	1,163

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