

S. 522, Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act of 2021

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on March 17, 2021

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2021	2021-2026	2021-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	*	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	*	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	not estimated
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 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

S. 522 would require agencies to post an Internet address link for any proposed rule published in the *Federal Register* that would take the reader to a concise summary of not more than 100 words posted on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). The Presidential Memorandum on Plain Language issued on June 1, 1998, and Executive Order 13563 already require agencies to use plain language in all proposed and final rules. CBO expects that preparing the short summary of proposed rules under S. 522 would not significantly increase agencies' administrative costs. Thus, CBO estimates that implementing S. 522 would have no significant cost over the 2021-2026 period.

Enacting the bill could affect direct spending by some agencies that are allowed to use fees, receipts from the sale of goods, and other collections to cover operating costs. CBO estimates that any net changes in direct spending by those agencies would be negligible because most of them can adjust amounts collected to reflect changes in operating costs.

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