

H.R. 2008, Local Water Protection Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on March 24, 2021

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2021	2021-2026	2021-2031
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	740	1,000
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

Under current law, states are required to report to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on nonpoint sources of pollution that affect navigable water as well as their plans to manage that pollution and improve the quality of navigable water. EPA provides grants for states to manage pollution from nonpoint sources and for other activities to protect groundwater quality. In 2021, \$177 million was appropriated for those purposes.

H.R. 2008 would authorize the appropriation of \$200 million annually over the 2022-2026 period for those grant programs. Assuming appropriation of the specified amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$740 million over the 2022-2026 period and \$260 million after 2026. The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 2008

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2021-2026
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Authorization	0	200	200	200	200	200	1,000
Estimated Outlays	0	20	140	180	200	200	740

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