

H.R. 2118, Securing America From Epidemics Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on March 25, 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)	*	8	8
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.			

H.R. 2118 would authorize the United States to participate in the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI).

CEPI's mission is to accelerate the development of vaccines to treat emerging infectious diseases and to facilitate access to those vaccines during outbreaks. In September 2020, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) signed an agreement to contribute \$20 million to CEPI over a five-year period. An initial \$4 million contribution was made for 2020 and a second \$4 million payment is planned for 2021, both using available appropriations. CBO expects that the USAID will contribute another \$4 million in 2022 using available funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 or other existing appropriations. On that basis, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would require additional appropriations of \$4 million a year over the 2023-2024 period to fulfill the \$20 million commitment.

The bill also would require the Administration to report to the Congress on the details of its contributions to and participation in the coalition. Using information from similar reports, CBO estimates that satisfying the bill's reporting requirements would cost less than \$500,000. In total, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$8 million over the 2021-2026 period. Such spending would be subject to the appropriation of the authorized amounts.

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