

H.R. 965, Young African Leaders Initiative Act of 2021

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on February 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)	0	105	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

H.R. 965 would extend the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) through 2026, expand eligibility for a fellowship program that is part of that initiative, and require the Department of State to report to the Congress on its implementation of the initiative.

The costs of the legislation, shown in Table 1, fall within budget function 150 (international affairs).

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 965

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2021-2026
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Estimated Authorization	0	30	31	32	33	33	159
Estimated Outlays	0	7	17	23	28	30	105

YALI was established in 2010 to support young African leaders in the areas of civic engagement, business, and public management. The initiative's operating budget for 2021 is \$30 million. After adjusting for inflation and assuming appropriation of the estimated amounts, CBO estimates that extending YALI under H.R. 965 would cost a total of \$105 million over the 2021-2026 period. Using information about the costs of similar reports, CBO estimates that satisfying the reporting requirement in H.R. 965 would cost less

than \$500,000 over the 2021-2026 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Under the Mandela Washington Fellowship—a component program of the initiative—the department offers 700 fellowships each year to applicants between the ages of 25 and 35, though some exceptional applicants as young as 21 may be considered. Fellows receive training and professional development in the United States and build connections with each other and Americans. H.R. 965 would broaden eligibility for the fellowship to those between the ages of 18 and 35; however, the department does not plan to increase the number of fellowships offered under H.R. 965.

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