

H.R. 2922, Elder Abuse Protection Act of 2021

As reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on June 11, 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)	*	*	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.			

H.R. 2922 would require the Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish a permanent Elder Justice Initiative to coordinate the agency’s efforts to combat elder abuse, fraud, and neglect. The bill would designate an Elder Justice Coordinator to support the initiative’s law enforcement efforts and policy activities. H.R. 2922 also would require the Elder Justice Initiative to establish a national elder fraud telephone hotline, provide yearly recommendations to the Office of Tribal Justice, and publish online public resources aimed at preventing elder abuse in both English and Spanish.

DOJ currently operates an Elder Justice Initiative that conducts most of the activities required by H.R. 2922. On that basis and using information provided by DOJ, CBO estimates that expanding and codifying the current Initiative’s activities would not have a significant effect on the agency’s costs to implement the program; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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