

S. 516, Advanced Air Mobility Coordination and Leadership Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on May 12, 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)	*	1	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. 516 would require the Department of Transportation (DOT) to establish an interagency working group on advanced air mobility (AAM) consisting of representatives from at least 10 federal agencies.¹ The working group would evaluate the policies and infrastructure necessary to advance AAM operations, coordinate with state and local governments and the private sector, develop an AAM national strategy, and report to the Congress. Within 30 days of issuing that report, DOT would determine whether to continue or terminate the working group. In addition, the bill would require the Government Accountability Office to report on the authority of various levels of government over AAM operations.

Using information from DOT and based on the cost of similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing S. 516 would cost \$1 million over the 2021-2026 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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1. Advanced air mobility refers to the development and implementation of innovative aviation technologies that use existing airspace operations to transport people and cargo, such as electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft and autonomous aircraft.