

H.R. 5102, Flights for Freedom Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on September 30, 2021

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2026	2022-2031
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	0	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. 5102 would prohibit the Department of State from recovering costs associated with evacuating and repatriating U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents who remain in Afghanistan as of the date of enactment of the bill. Under current law, when the federal government evacuates people from a foreign country because of war, unrest, or a natural disaster, the department is required to recoup its costs from those evacuees to the maximum extent practicable. However, in the case of evacuations from Afghanistan the department is not seeking reimbursement; therefore, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would not affect the federal budget.

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