

**H.R. 4785, Uyghur Policy Act of 2021**

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)	*	5	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
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. 4785 would authorize the appropriation of \$250,000 each year over the 2022-2024 period for the Department of State’s U.S. Speaker Program. Under that program the department would send experts to speak at international forums and to advocate for the human rights and freedoms of Uyghurs and other persecuted minorities in China. The bill also would authorize the department to appoint a special coordinator to manage federal policies and programs affecting Uyghurs. Finally, H.R. 4785 would require the department to offer Uyghur language training to Foreign Service officers and to assign Uyghur-speaking officers to U.S. diplomatic missions in China. Implementing the bill would cost \$5 million over the 2022-2026 period, CBO estimates; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Using information about similar programs and requirements, CBO estimates that appointing a special coordinator for matters related to Uyghurs would cost less than \$500,000 each year and about \$2 million in total. Providing the required language training also would cost less than \$500,000 a year and about \$2 million in total. Assuming appropriation of the specified amounts for the U.S. Speaker Program, CBO estimates that implementing that provision would cost almost \$1 million.

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