

## H.R. 7710, Locally Led Development and Humanitarian Response Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on March 21, 2024

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2024	2024-2029	2024-2034
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
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No
		<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 7710 would encourage the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to be more responsive to the needs of local communities in developing countries and to expand its work with local entities in such countries. Among other actions, the bill would authorize USAID to:

- Increase outreach to local entities and improve their access to the agency’s resources;
- Allow local entities to submit proposals, applications, and other documentation in local languages;
- Provide local partners greater flexibility in recouping costs, providing reports, and meeting other requirements; and
- Limit competition for some contracts to local entities.

In addition, H.R. 7710 would require USAID to report on various aspects of its implementation of the bill.

In November 2021, USAID announced two goals related to locally led development: to direct a quarter of its funding to local partners by 2025 and to encourage local leadership in designing and implementing at least half of its programs. Based on information from the



agency about its ongoing efforts to meet those goals, CBO anticipates that USAID would satisfy the bill's requirements under existing programs. Although implementing the bill might affect which entities USAID would work with, CBO expects it would not affect the overall number or cost of those programs and contracts.

Based on the costs of similar reports, CBO estimates that satisfying the reporting requirements in the bill would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2024-2029 period. Any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Sunita D'Monte. The estimate was reviewed by Christina Hawley Anthony, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

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