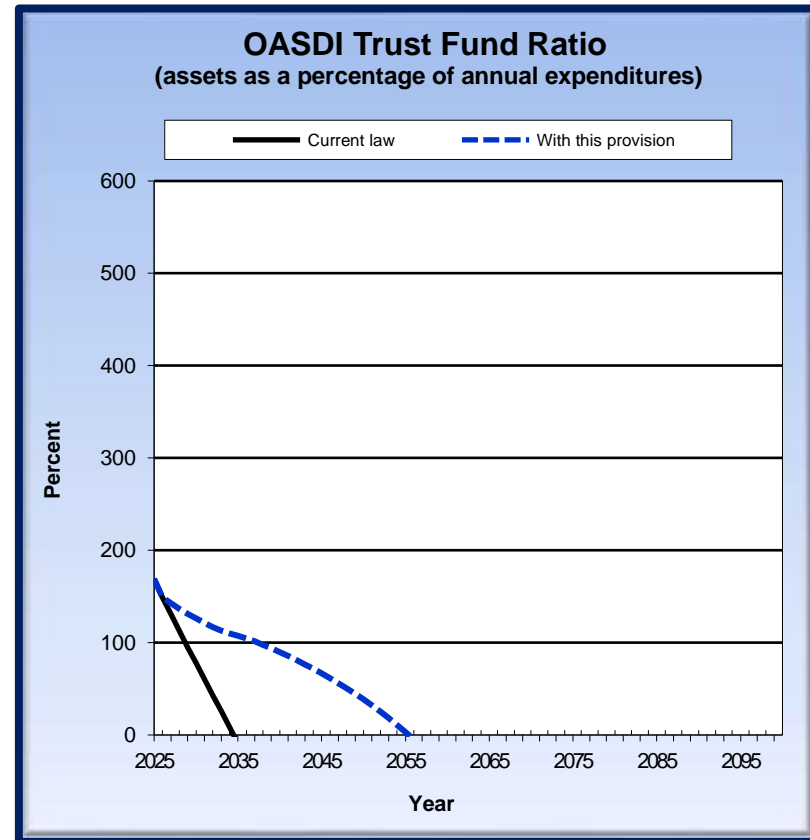
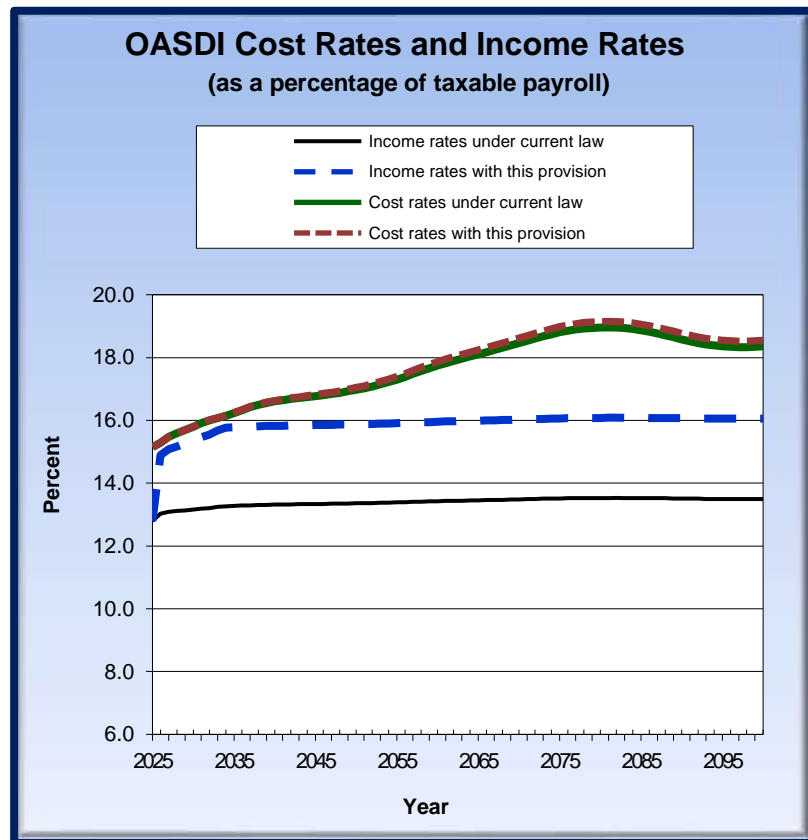


Summary Measures and Graphs

Category of Change: Payroll Taxes (including maximum taxable)

Proposed Provision: E2.16. Apply OASDI 12.4 percent payroll tax rate on earnings above \$250,000 starting in 2026, and tax all earnings once the current-law taxable maximum exceeds \$250,000. Increase the computed level of the SSA average wage index for years after 2025 by amounts ranging from 0.7 percent for 2026 to 0.9 percent for 2034 and later. Provide benefit credit for earnings above the current-law taxable maximum that are subject to the payroll tax, using a secondary PIA formula. This secondary PIA formula involves: (1) an "AIME+" derived from annual earnings from each year after 2025 that were in excess of that year's current-law taxable maximum; and (2) a formula factor of 2 percent on this newly computed "AIME+".

Current law [percent of payroll]		Change from current law [percent of payroll]		Shortfall eliminated	
Long-range actuarial balance	Annual balance in 75th year	Long-range actuarial balance	Annual balance in 75th year	Long-range actuarial balance	Annual balance in 75th year
-3.82	-4.84	2.35	2.37	61%	49%



Estimates based on the intermediate assumptions of the 2025 Trustees Report

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