



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1709
STEM Education Coordination Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science and Technology
on April 29, 2009*

H.R. 1709 would require the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to create a new committee under the executive branch's National Science and Technology Council. The committee would coordinate federal education programs related to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Agencies that have STEM programs include the National Science Foundation, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Departments of Energy and Education. The new committee would be responsible for coordinating all programs and assessing their effectiveness.

Based on information from the OSTP, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1709 would cost about \$2 million annually, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. That amount includes the costs to prepare strategic plans, coordinate activities among the affected agencies, and hire new staff for the OSTP. The bill would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1709 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Matthew Pickford. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.