



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**S. 805**  
**African Health Capacity Investment Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
on September 11, 2007*

S. 805 would authorize the appropriation of \$150 million in 2008 and \$600 million over the 2008-2010 period for foreign assistance programs to develop and improve the local capacity to provide health care in countries of sub-Saharan Africa. The bill would require the President to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of such assistance and to coordinate assistance with other donors.

As shown in the following table, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$23 million in 2008 and \$523 million over the 2008-2012 period, assuming that the authorized amounts are appropriated and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for similar programs. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 150 (international affairs). Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Authorization Level	150	200	250	0	0
Estimated Outlays	23	90	155	165	90

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The bill would authorize financial and technical assistance, including aid provided through international or nongovernmental organizations, to develop and improve the health care sectors of sub-Saharan African economies by:

- Developing and implementing workforce plans, fiscal and personnel management systems, and computerized workforce databases,

- Recruiting and training health care workers,
- Improving health care facilities and infrastructure, especially in rural and underserved areas, and
- Establishing a global clearinghouse to share knowledge regarding human resources for health care.

S. 805 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.

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