



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 3524
HOPE VI Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2007
*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Financial Services
on September 26, 2007*

H.R. 3524 would authorize the appropriation of \$800 million for the HOPE VI program for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2015. The HOPE VI program provides grants to housing authorities to revitalize severely distressed public housing developments. In 2007, \$99 million was appropriated for this program. Spending on the HOPE VI program has historically been slow due to the time it takes to award grants and complete revitalization projects.

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 3524 is shown in the following table. For the purposes of this estimate, we assume that H.R. 3524 will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2008, that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each year, and that outlays will follow historical patterns. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing this bill would cost \$900 million through 2012, with additional amounts spent in later years. Enacting H.R. 3524 would not affect direct spending or revenues. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 600 (income security).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012

CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Authorization Level	800	800	800	800	800
Estimated Outlays	8	48	144	280	456

H.R. 3524 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act; any costs to state, local, or tribal governments would be incurred voluntarily.

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