



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 2994
National Pain Care Policy Act of 2008
*As ordered to be reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce
on September 17, 2008*

SUMMARY

H.R. 2994 would amend the Public Health Service Act to coordinate research programs related to pain, and require the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to convene a conference on pain and conduct a public awareness campaign on pain management. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2994 would cost \$1 million in 2009 and \$12 million over the 2009-2013 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting H.R. 2994 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2994 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated cost of H.R. 2994 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2009-2013
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	4	6	5	1	1	17
Estimated Outlays	1	4	5	1	1	12

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

H.R. 2994 would require the Secretary of HHS to convene a conference on pain, coordinate research programs related to pain, and conduct a public awareness campaign on pain management. For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 2994 would be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2009, that the necessary amounts will be appropriated each year, and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for similar activities. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2994 would cost \$12 million over the 2009-2013 period.

Institute of Medicine Conference on Pain

H.R. 2994 would require the Secretary of HHS to collaborate with the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies (or other appropriate entity) to convene a conference on pain. This bill would require the Secretary to complete a report summarizing the conference findings and recommendations to be submitted to the Congress not later than June 30, 2010. H.R. 2994 would authorize the appropriation of \$0.5 million a year for fiscal years 2009 and 2010 for those purposes. Assuming the appropriation of the specified amounts, CBO estimates that provision would cost \$1 million over the 2009-2013 period.

Pain Research

The bill would amend the Public Health Service Act to establish an interagency committee to coordinate pain research across federal agencies. Assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that provision would cost \$4 million over the 2009-2013 time period.

Public Awareness Campaign on Pain Management

H.R. 2994 would direct the Secretary of HHS to conduct a nationwide campaign to increase public awareness of issues related to pain treatment and management. This bill would authorize the Secretary to award grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts to public agencies and private nonprofit organizations to assist with the development and implementation of the public awareness campaign.

H.R. 2994 would authorize the appropriation of \$2 million for fiscal years 2009 and \$4 million a year for fiscal years 2010 and 2011 for those activities. Assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing those provisions would cost \$7 million over the 2009-2013 period.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2994 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. Public institutions of higher education that provide education and training for health care professionals in pain care would benefit from grant funds authorized in the bill.

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