



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 2, 2014

H.R. 4653 **United States Commission on International Religious Freedom** **Reauthorization Act of 2014**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs
on June 26, 2014*

H.R. 4653 would extend the authorities of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom by five years, through 2019. It also would authorize the appropriation of \$3 million to the commission each year over that five-year period.

Assuming appropriation of the specified amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$15 million over the 2015-2019 period. Section 3 would require that Foreign Service officers receive additional training on religious freedom; CBO estimates that implementing that training would have insignificant costs.

Pay-as-you-go procedures apply to this legislation because it would affect direct spending; however, CBO estimates that those effects would not be significant. Section 5 would allow the Commission to accept and use gifts and donations for certain programs that offer educational benefits. CBO estimates that any such collections generally would be spent in the year they were received. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

H.R. 4653 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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