



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 3297
Zimbabwe Transition to Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2010
As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on September 21, 2010

S. 3297 would authorize the President to use the Economic Support Fund (ESF), a Department of State assistance program to provide technical assistance to Zimbabwe to support economic, political, and security-sector reforms in that country. That authority would expire in 2014. Assistance would be provided to the Parliament and ministries of the transitional government. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$19 million over the 2011-2015 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting S. 3297 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 3297 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 3297 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 150 (international affairs). For this estimate, CBO assumes that the estimated authorizations will be appropriated each fiscal year and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for similar and existing programs.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2011- 2015
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	6	6	6	6	0	24
Estimated Outlays	1	3	5	5	5	19

In 2010, the Department of State received an appropriation of \$8.8 billion for ESF. Of that amount, almost \$6 million was allocated for technical assistance to the Parliament of Zimbabwe and certain ministries. Based on information from the department, CBO

estimates that implementing the bill would require appropriations of \$6 million a year over the 2011-2014 period. The bill also would expand the potential uses of existing appropriated funds by authorizing assistance to the central government for health and education programs; however, the department has no plans to use such authority.

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