



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1955
Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism
Prevention Act of 2007**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on August 1, 2007

SUMMARY

H.R. 1955 would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish a university-based Center of Excellence for the Study of Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism in the United States. The bill also would establish a commission to investigate the causes of terrorist acts committed by persons raised or living in the United States and would require DHS to prepare reports on certain issues relating to domestic terrorism. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1955 would cost \$22 million over the 2008-2012 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting H.R. 1955 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1955 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 budgetary impact of H.R. 1955 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Estimated Authorization Level	6	6	4	4	4
Estimated Outlays	4	6	4	4	4

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

H.R. 1955 would direct DHS to establish a university-based Center of Excellence for the Study of Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism in the United States. The center would coordinate research on terrorism with other academic institutions. The bill also would establish 10-member commission to examine the causes of terrorist acts committed by persons raised or living in the United States. The commission would report its findings and recommendations to the Congress over the next two years. Finally, the bill would require DHS to prepare reports on certain issues relating to terrorism in the United States.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts and based on information provided by DHS on the cost of conducting similar activities, CBO estimates that the agency would spend about \$22 million over the 2008-2012 period to implement the legislation. Of that amount, \$4 million a year would be used to support the new Center of Excellence. The remaining amount would be spent over the next two years for studies and reports required by the bill, primarily those to be carried out by the new commission.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1955 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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