



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2418 **Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Amendments of 1999**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Commerce on October 13, 1999

SUMMARY

H.R. 2418 would amend the National Organ Transplant Act of 1984 and reauthorize the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network activities administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). In 1999, a total of \$10 million was appropriated for the organ procurement and transplant network, for the scientific registry, and for the purpose of increasing organ donation and procurement. In 2000, this legislation would authorize the appropriation of \$6 million for the network and the registry and such sums as may be necessary for increasing organ donation and procurement. It would also authorize \$5 million in new funding for travel and subsistence expenses incurred during living organ donation and \$10 million for a program to educate the public and for studies and demonstrations designed to increase the rate of organ donation. It would authorize such sums as may be necessary for all these activities from 2001 through 2005.

Assuming appropriations of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2418 would cost \$8 million in 2000 and a total of \$101 million from 2000 through 2004, without adjusting for inflation, and \$108 million if inflation adjustments are included. The legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 2418 contains no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). The bill would provide grants to states and other public and private entities that provide assistance to individuals for travel and subsistence expenses associated with the donation of living organs.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2418 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Without Adjustments for Inflation					
Estimated Authorization Level	26	26	26	26	26
Estimated Outlays	8	19	24	25	25
With Adjustments for Inflation					
Estimated Authorization Level	26	27	27	28	28
Estimated Outlays	8	19	24	27	27

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted early in fiscal year 2000 and that outlays will follow historical spending rates for these activities. Where specified, CBO assumes the authorized and estimated amounts would be appropriated. The bill does not contain a specific authorization level for increasing organ donation and procurement, but instead would authorize the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary for 2000 through 2005. Based on the amount spent in the past for this activity, CBO estimates an authorization level of \$5 million for 2000. The table shows two alternative spending paths: one assuming no increases to account for anticipated inflation, and one with annual inflation adjustments.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2418 contains no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates as defined in UMRA. The bill would provide grants to states and other public and private entities that provide

assistance to individuals for travel and subsistence expenses associated with the donation of living organs.

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