



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 624
Organ Donation Improvement Act of 2001**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
on February 28, 2001, and modified on March 5, 2001*

H.R. 624 would amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation. The bill, as modified, would authorize appropriation of \$5 million a year in 2002 through 2006 for travel and subsistence expenses for qualifying individuals making living donation of their organs. H.R. 624, as modified, would also authorize appropriation of \$15 million in fiscal year 2002 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 these activities from 2003 through 2006.

Assuming appropriations of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 624 would cost \$6 million in 2002 and a total of \$78 million from 2002 through 2006, without adjusting for inflation, and \$80 million if inflation adjustments are included. The legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 624 is shown in the following table. The table shows two alternative spending paths: one assuming no increases to account for anticipated inflation, and one with annual inflation adjustments. For purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that outlays will follow historical spending rates for similar activities. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

H.R. 624 contains no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. The bill would provide grants to states and other public and private entities for assistance to individuals who donate living organs and for educational and outreach activities.

By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
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CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Without Adjustments for Inflation

Estimated Authorization Level	0	20	20	20	20	20
Estimated Outlays	0	6	15	18	20	20

With Adjustments for Inflation

Estimated Authorization Level	0	20	20	21	21	21
Estimated Outlays	0	6	15	19	20	21

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