



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 399
Organ Donation Improvement Act of 2003

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
on January 29, 2003*

H.R. 399 would amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million a year in 2004 through 2008 for travel and subsistence expenses for qualifying individuals who make a living donation of their organs. H.R. 399 would also authorize the appropriation of \$15 million in fiscal year 2004 for a program to increase public awareness of organ donation and for studies and demonstrations designed to increase the rate of organ donation. It would authorize such sums as may be necessary for this program from 2005 through 2008.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 399 would cost \$6 million in 2004 and a total of \$79 million from 2004 through 2008, without adjusting for inflation, and \$81 million if inflation adjustments are included, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. The legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts.

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 399 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. 399 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector 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

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
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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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