



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 5573
Health Centers Renewal Act of 2006**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
on June 15, 2006*

SUMMARY

H.R. 5573 would amend section 330 of the Public Health Service Act to authorize through 2011 a program that provides grants to community health centers (CHCs). Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$1.0 billion in 2007 and \$8.9 billion over the 2007-2011 period.

H.R. 5573 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. 5573 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	1,690	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	896	710	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	1,963	1,999	2,015	2,041	2,041
Estimated Outlays	0	1,040	1,884	1,966	1,988	1,999
Spending Under H.R. 5573						
Authorization Level ^a	1,690	1,963	1,999	2,015	2,041	2,041
Estimated Outlays	896	1,750	1,884	1,966	1,988	1,999

a. The 2006 level is the amount appropriated for that year for grants to community health centers.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

The Health Resources and Services Administration administers a program that provides grants to community organizations for the development and operation of community health centers. Those health centers provide medical care to poor and underserved populations. Authorization for that grant program expires in 2006.

H.R. 5573 would renew funding for that program by authorizing appropriation of about \$2 billion a year in 2007 through 2011.

Based on historical patterns of spending for community health centers, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$1.0 billion in 2007 and \$8.9 billion over the 2007-2011 period, assuming appropriation of authorized amounts.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 5573 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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