



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

August 8, 2006

**S. 3741**  
**An act to provide funding authority to facilitate the evacuation of  
persons from Lebanon, and for other purposes**

*As cleared by the Congress on July 31, 2006*

S. 3741 would grant the Department of State additional flexibility in funding the evacuation of people from Lebanon. It would amend current law to increase—by \$15 million—the department’s authority to transfer funds to the Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service (EDCS) appropriation account, which pays for evacuations. It also would lift the restriction that \$15 million appropriated in Public Law 109-148 to the EDCS account be used only for evacuations related to the avian flu. S. 3741 would not provide any new funding, but it would affect the timing of outlays from funds already appropriated; those effects are considered direct spending.

Information from the Department of State indicates that the total cost of evacuating about 15,000 people from Lebanon will be roughly \$67 million, of which about \$18 million will be funded through existing balances in the EDCS account. CBO estimates the legislation would increase spending by \$27 million in 2006 and lower spending by \$12 million over the fiscal years 2007 and 2008. (CBO estimates that the \$15 million transferred would not otherwise be spent, and that outlays of \$12 million in avian flu funds would shift from 2007 and 2008 to 2006.)

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By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>CHANGES IN DIRECT SPENDING</b>											
Estimated Budget Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	27	-5	-7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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