



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

September 19, 2006

**S. 2125
Democratic Republic of the Congo Relief, Security, and Democracy
Promotion Act of 2006**

*As amended by the House Committee on International Relations
on September 13, 2006*

S. 2125 would authorize the appropriation of \$52 million for each of fiscal years 2006 and 2007 to provide assistance to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The act also would direct the Department of State to request increased funding for the Democratic Republic of the Congo in its annual budget requests through fiscal year 2009. The act would require the President to develop a strategy to implement various policies outlined in the act with regard to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Finally, the act would direct the President to appoint a Special Envoy to help resolve instability in the Eastern Congo.

For the purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 2125 will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2007, and that the authorized amounts for 2007 will be appropriated. (CBO does not expect funds to be appropriated for this purpose in 2006.) Based on historical spending patterns and the assumed date of enactment, CBO estimates that implementing the act would cost about \$10 million in 2007 and about \$50 million over the 2007-2011 period. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts.

S. 2125 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On June 27, 2006, CBO transmitted an estimate for S. 2125 as reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on May 23, 2006. The two versions of the act are similar and the estimated costs are the same.

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