



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

April 2, 2007

**H.R. 1681  
American National Red Cross  
Governance Modernization Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on March 27, 2007*

H.R. 1681 would make amendments to the Congressional charter of the American National Red Cross. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1681 would have no impact on the federal budget. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1681 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.

H.R. 1681 would amend the charter of the American National Red Cross by limiting the number of members of the Board of Governors to no more than 20 by 2012 and changing the process by which the members of the Board of Governors are appointed. The bill also would establish an Office of the Ombudsman within the Red Cross and an Advisory Council composed of eight to 10 senior federal employees. Because the operations of the Red Cross are not reflected in the federal budget, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1681 would have no budgetary impact.

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