



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

August 15, 2007

**H.R. 85
Energy Technology Transfer Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 25, 2007*

H.R. 85 would amend a provision of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 that authorizes the Department of Energy (DOE) to provide grants to state and local governments, nonprofit organizations, and institutions of higher learning for purposes of educating the public about energy-efficient technologies. H.R. 85 would specify additional criteria for DOE to consider in awarding such grants and would establish new requirements for recipients of those grants.

Based on information from DOE, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 85 would not significantly affect the federal budget. We expect that any change in the value of grants awarded under the legislation or the agency's costs to administer them would not exceed \$500,000 annually, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting H.R. 85 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 85 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On March 7, 2007, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 85 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Science and Technology on February 28, 2007. The two versions of H.R. 85 are similar, and our cost estimates are the same.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Megan Carroll. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.