



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 6545
National Energy Security Intelligence Act of 2008**

As passed by the House of Representatives on July 23, 2008

H.R. 6545 would require the Director of National Intelligence to submit to Congress a national intelligence assessment on several energy related national security issues. According to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), certain aspects of the assessment required by H.R. 6545 would necessitate contracting with an organization outside of the federal government. In particular, the ODNI believes the assessment of future energy supply and production envisioned by the bill would require assistance from an organization outside of the federal government with expertise in those matters.

Based on information from the ODNI and private industry, CBO estimates that the costs associated with implementing H.R. 6545 could total between \$1 to \$2 million and would be incurred in fiscal year 2009. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 6545 contains no intergovernmental or private sector as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local or tribal governments.

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