



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2899
Countering Violent Extremism Act of 2015
As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on July 15, 2015

SUMMARY

H.R. 2899 would establish the Office for Countering Violent Extremism in the Department of Homeland Security. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million annually over the 2016-2020 period for the office, including \$6 million each year for the office to make grants to community groups and other organizations for counter-messaging campaigns targeting violent extremism.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2899 would cost \$41 million over the 2016-2020 period. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2899 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2899 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2016-2020
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	

CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Authorization Level	10	10	10	10	10	50
Estimated Outlays	4	8	9	10	10	41

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized in the bill will be appropriated by the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for similar activities.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2899 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments

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