



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 2847
Green Jobs Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Education and Labor
on June 27, 2007*

SUMMARY

H.R. 2847 would amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to create a new training program for energy efficiency and renewable energy workers. That program would target workers affected by national energy and environmental policy and individuals in need of updated training in those areas. The bill would authorize appropriations of \$125 million for each fiscal year for activities that would include national and state labor market research, job referral, and job training. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2847 would increase outlays by \$5 million in 2008 and \$390 million over the 2008-2012 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2847 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2847 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 500 (education, training, employment, and social services).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy					
Worker Training Program					
Authorization Level	125	125	125	125	125
Estimated Outlays	5	45	95	120	125

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted by the end of fiscal year 2007, that the amounts authorized in the bill are appropriated for each year, and that outlays will follow historical patterns for similar programs.

H.R. 2847 would amend the Workforce Investment Act to authorize appropriations of \$125 million annually for a new training program for energy efficiency and renewable energy workers. Funding would be allocated for labor market research at the national and state levels, and to competitive grants to states and nonprofit organizations for workforce development and job training activities that target energy efficiency and renewable energy sectors. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would cost \$5 million in 2008 and \$390 million over the 2008-2012 period.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2847 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. It would authorize several grant programs that would benefit state governments. Any costs to those governments would be incurred voluntarily as a condition of receiving federal assistance.

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