



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 19, 2007

### **H.R. 1678** **Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
on September 11, 2007*

H.R. 1678 would authorize the appropriation of \$49 million in both 2008 and 2009 for foreign and domestic programs to assist victims of torture. CBO estimates that implementing the act would cost \$22 million in 2008 and \$97 million over the 2008-2012 period, assuming that the authorized amounts are appropriated and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for those programs.

Enacting H.R. 1678 would not affect direct spending or revenues. H.R. 1678 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.

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1678 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget functions 150 (international affairs) and 550 (health).

Section 2 would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million a year in 2008 and 2009 for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for domestic treatment of victims of torture. Under current law, HHS makes grants to programs in the United States that provide psychological and physical rehabilitation, social services, and legal services to victims of torture. Section 3 would authorize the appropriation of \$12 million in 2008 and \$12 million in 2009 for foreign treatment centers for victims of torture. Finally, section 4 would authorize the appropriation of \$12 million in 2008 and \$12 million in 2009 for grants to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture.

On April 2, 2007, CBO transmitted an estimate for H.R. 1678 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on March 27, 2007. The two versions of the legislation are similar and their estimated costs are identical.

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**ESTIMATED BUDGETARY IMPACT OF H.R. 1678**

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Domestic Treatment Centers					
Authorization Level	25	25	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	8	18	15	7	2
Foreign Treatment Centers					
Authorization Level	12	12	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	2	8	8	3	2
Contribution to United Nations' Fund					
Authorization Level	12	12	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	12	12	0	0	0
Total Changes					
Authorization Level	49	49	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	22	38	23	10	4

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