



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

January 29, 1998

H.R. 2846

**A bill to prohibit spending Federal education funds on national testing
without explicit and specific legislation**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Education and the Workforce
on January 28, 1998*

CBO estimates that enacting this bill would have no impact on the federal budget. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The fiscal year 1998 appropriation act for the Department of Education allows only certain very limited activities related to testing. H.R. 2846 would allow these activities to continue but would prohibit any expansion of these activities unless specifically provided in authorizing legislation. Since CBO assumes that no expanded activities related to testing would occur under current law, CBO estimates that H.R. 2846 would have no budgetary effects.

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