



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

Revised August 31, 2010

H.R. 5710
National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting
Reauthorization Act of 2010

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on July 28, 2010

H.R. 5710 would reauthorize funding for grants to states and territories to establish, improve, and maintain an electronic database system for monitoring the dispensing of controlled substances. The database would be used to identify, and report to appropriate authorities, the potential unlawful diversion or misuse of controlled substances. The bill also would require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to monitor the states' efforts to achieve interoperability of the database system for the purpose of sharing information with bordering states. In 2010, \$2 million was appropriated for these purposes.

The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$15 million in fiscal year 2011 and \$10 million a year for fiscal years 2012 and 2013. Assuming appropriation of those amounts, and based on spending patterns for similar programs, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5710 would cost \$35 million over the 2011-2015 period as shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 550 (health). Enacting H.R. 5710 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2011-2015
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	15	10	10	0	0	35
Estimated Outlays	5	14	12	3	1	35

H.R. 5710 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. Funds authorized in the bill would benefit states that implement and administer a monitoring system for controlled substances.

On August 27, 2010, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 5710 that was based on an earlier version of the legislation. This estimate supersedes that August 27 estimate to reflect the amendments adopted in committee consideration of the bill.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Ellen Werble. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.