



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1916

Chimp Haven is Home Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
on November 14, 2007*

CBO estimates that enactment of S. 1916 would have no significant impact on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues. This legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

As required by the Public Health Service Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services operates a sanctuary system for the lifetime care of chimpanzees that have been used, bred, or purchased for use in research conducted by the federal government but are no longer needed for such research. Once accepted into the sanctuary, chimpanzees can still be used for research but only under certain circumstances. Generally, the research must involve only noninvasive behavioral studies and medical studies that can be conducted during the normal course of veterinary care. However, if the chimpanzee's medical history is unique, technology has changed since the chimpanzee entered the system, and there is a public health need, additional studies, including ones that require removal of the chimpanzee from the sanctuary, can be carried out. Those studies must involve only minimal physical harm to the chimpanzee and must minimize mental stress to the chimpanzee and its social group.

S. 1916 would repeal the provisions of the Public Health Service Act that permit research on sanctuary chimpanzees beyond noninvasive behavioral studies and medical studies that can be conducted during the normal course of veterinary care. The National Institutes of Health reports that there have only been a few observational studies on chimpanzees in the sanctuary and that they all would still be permitted under S. 1916.

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