



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 5669**  
**Poison Center Support, Enhancement, and Awareness Act of 2008**  
*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
on May 7, 2008*

H.R. 5669 would reauthorize the poison control program, which will expire in 2009, for the 2010-2014 period. The program, which is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), provides grants to poison centers and other organizations that focus on poison control, funds a national media campaign, and maintains a national toll-free number. The Congress appropriated about \$27 million for that purpose in 2008.

The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$37.5 million in each of the years 2010 through 2014 for the following purposes: \$35 million per year for the grant program, \$1.5 million per year for the media campaign, and \$1 million per year for the maintenance of the toll-free number. Based on past spending for this program, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5669 would cost \$11 million in 2010 and \$135 million over the 2010-2014 period, assuming appropriation of authorized amounts. Enacting H.R. 5669 would have no effect on direct spending or receipts. Costs of the legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars						2009-2014
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>							
Authorization Level	0	38	38	38	38	38	188
Estimated Outlays	0	11	27	34	37	26	135

Note: Numbers may not sum to totals because of rounding.

H.R. 5669 contains no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates as defined in Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. State, local, and tribal governments that operate poison control centers could benefit from some of the support activities authorized by the bill.

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