



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

May 30, 2008

**H.R. 4749
National Bombing Prevention Act of 2008**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security
on May 20, 2008*

SUMMARY

H.R. 4749 would amend title 2 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 109-296) to provide statutory authorization for the Office of Bombing Prevention (OBP). For that office, the bill would authorize appropriations of \$10 million in 2009, \$25 million a year over the 2010-2012 period, and such sums as needed thereafter.

Assuming appropriation of the amounts specified by the bill for 2009 through 2012, and that annual appropriations increase with inflation thereafter, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4749 would cost \$89 million over the 2009-2013 period. Enacting H.R. 4749 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 4749 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4749 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 050 (national defense).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2009- 2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	10	25	25	25	26	111
Estimated Outlays	5	15	22	23	24	89

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

The Office of Bombing Prevention was created in 2003 and is part of the National Protection and Programs Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). OBP is responsible for building awareness of threats posed by improvised explosive devices (IEDs) and coordinating DHS's efforts to protect against IED attacks in the United States. Although there is no specific statutory authorization for the office, OBP received appropriations of approximately \$3 million in 2007 and \$10 million in 2008. Section 2 would amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide such authorization, and would confirm the office's lead role in coordinating federal programs designed to protect against IED attacks in the United States.

In addition, H.R. 4749 would authorize appropriations for OBP of \$10 million in 2009, \$25 million annually over the 2010-2012 period, and such sums as necessary thereafter. Assuming that the authorized amounts would be appropriated annually for fiscal years 2009 through 2012, and that annual appropriations would increase with inflation thereafter, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4749 would cost \$89 million over the 2009-2013 period. CBO based its estimate of spending on historical spending patterns for similar activities.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 4749 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On January 14, 2008, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 2292, the National Bombing Prevention Act of 2007, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security

and Governmental Affairs on November 14, 2007. CBO estimated that implementing S. 2292 would cost \$106 million over the 2009-2013 period. The difference in the estimates reflects differences in the bills. In particular, S. 2292 would authorize \$25 million in 2009 and 2010 and such sums as necessary thereafter, whereas H.R. 4749 would authorize \$10 million in 2009, \$25 million annually over the 2010-2012 period, and such sums as necessary thereafter.

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