



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

September 21, 2000

**H.R. 1795  
National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering  
Establishment Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Commerce on September 14, 2000*

H.R. 1795 would establish the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, a new institute within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), for the purpose of encouraging research into noninvasive forms of diagnosis and treatment. The bill would require the institute to coordinate and consolidate biomedical imaging and bioengineering research activities with those of other NIH agencies and other federal agencies. Additionally, H.R. 1795 would establish an advisory council for the institute.

The bill would authorize the appropriation of the amounts appropriated in previous years for the activities that would be consolidated in the new institute, adjusted for inflation. The bill would authorize the transfer of personnel, facilities, and administrative support from existing institutes within the NIH into the newly established institute. CBO cannot estimate the budget authority necessary for implementing H.R. 1795 at this time. However, because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 1795 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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