



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

October 2, 2000

**H.R. 4002  
Famine Prevention and Freedom from Hunger  
Improvement Act of 2000**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
on September 27, 2000*

H.R. 4002 would amend provisions of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 related to famine prevention and hunger programs by redefining and updating the roles of U.S. universities and university partners. Although the act also would expand somewhat the scope of those programs, it would not specifically authorize increases in funding.

Because the act would not make major changes to current law, CBO estimates that any additional authorization of appropriations under the act would be slight. Thus, CBO estimates that the cost of those programs would continue at the current rate—approximately \$30 million in 2000. That spending would be subject to appropriation. H.R. 4002 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 4002 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.

On July 17, 2000, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 4002 as ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations. The two versions of the legislation are similar and our cost estimates are identical.

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