



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 1516**

**A bill to amend title III of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11331 et seq.) to reauthorize the Federal Emergency Management Food and Shelter Program, and for other purposes.**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs on  
November 3, 1999*

**SUMMARY**

S. 1516 would reauthorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency's emergency food and shelter program for fiscal years 2000 through 2002. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that additional outlays would total \$280 million over the 2000-2003 period. Because S. 1516 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply to the bill.

The legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would provide significant benefits to state, local, and tribal governments.

**ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1516 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 600 (income security).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
<b>SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Spending Under Current Law					
Budget Authority <sup>a</sup>	110	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	110	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes					
Authorization Level	15	130	135	0	0
Estimated Outlays	15	130	135	0	0
Spending Under S. 1516					
Authorization Level	125	130	135	0	0
Estimated Outlays	125	130	135	0	0

a. The 2000 level is the amount appropriated for that year.

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

The emergency food and shelter program provides grants to local organizations to supplement food and shelter services for homeless individuals. S. 1516 would authorize appropriations for this program for fiscal years 2000 through 2002. Public Law 106-74 appropriated \$110 million for fiscal year 2000 for the emergency food and shelter program. For purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the full authorized amounts would be appropriated for each fiscal year—\$125 million for 2000, \$130 million for 2001, and \$135 million for 2002—and that spending would follow the historical pattern of the program. We estimate that implementation of S. 1516 would cost an additional \$15 million in 2000 and a total of \$280 million over the 2000-2002 period.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 1516 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA, and the bill would provide significant benefits to state, local, and tribal governments. Local boards, which include officials from local governments, determine how grant funds in the

emergency food and shelter program are distributed. The additional funds provided by this bill would supplement current efforts by local organizations and governments in addressing the needs of homeless individuals.

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