



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

April 7, 2003

H.R. 1298

United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations
on April 2, 2003*

SUMMARY

H.R. 1298 would require the President to develop a comprehensive strategy for the prevention, treatment, and monitoring of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and would authorize the appropriation of \$3 billion a year over the 2004-2008 period to fund those efforts. Specifically, the bill would authorize appropriations for contributions to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria and to various international vaccine funds. It would authorize funding for bilateral assistance programs to prevent, treat, and monitor HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria and for assistance to the families and children of persons affected by those diseases. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates implementing H.R. 1298 would cost \$568 million in 2004 and \$11 billion over the 2004-2008 period. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

H.R. 1298 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no significant costs on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1298 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget functions 150 (international affairs) and 550 (health). For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted by September 30, 2003, that authorized amounts will be provided in annual appropriation acts near the start of each fiscal year, and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law for International HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria, and Vaccine Programs						
Budget Authority ^a	1,639	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	955	1,098	382	167	78	21
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Estimated Outlays	0	568	2,107	2,606	2,817	2,924
Spending Under H.R. 1298						
Authorization Level ^a	1,639	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Estimated Outlays	955	1,666	2,489	2,773	2,895	2,945

a. The 2003 level is the amount appropriated for that year.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

H.R. 1298 would identify HIV/AIDS as being of particular concern to the United States and would require the President to develop a comprehensive strategy to combat it on a global basis. The bill would establish within the Department of State the position of Coordinator of U.S. Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally with the responsibility to oversee and to coordinate U.S. programs with those of other countries and international organizations. The bill also would require numerous reports to the Congress, and it would permit a portion of the authorized amounts to be used for administrative expenses.

The bill would give the Coordinator discretion to allocate funds to the various programs authorized. For the purpose of the estimate, CBO assumed that programs under the Public Health Services agencies would be funded at the amounts identified in the President's budget request for 2004 and that the additional amounts authorized by H.R. 1298, about \$0.9 billion of the \$3 billion annual authorization, would be allocated by the Coordinator consistent with the plan to be developed by the President.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1298 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no significant costs on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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