CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3858
Pancreatic Islet Cell Transplantation Act of 2004

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on September 30, 2004

H.R. 3858 would require that organizations that procure pancreases for islet cell transplant or research be subject to the certification and recertification process that applies to other organ procurement organizations under section 371 of the Public Health Service Act.

In addition, the bill would require the Diabetes Mellitus Interagency Coordinating Committee, which currently exists, to include in its annual report an assessment of federal involvement related to pancreatic islet cell transplantation. That assessment would include a discussion of adequacy in funding; current policies, regulations, and procedures related to pancreas procurement and cell transplant; policies of the United Network for Organ Sharing regarding pancreas retrieval and cell transplant; existing data collection methods; clinical investigations related to pancreatic islet cell transplantation; and any legislative or administrative recommendations that the committee may have.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3858 would cost less than $500,000 in each year over the 2005-2009 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting H.R. 3858 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 3858 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 October 4, 2004, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 2158, the Pancreatic Islet Cell Transplantation Act of 2004, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on September 23, 2004. The two bills are identical, as are CBO's two cost estimates.

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