



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 4620

**A bill to confirm the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture
to collect approved state commodity assessments on behalf of the state
from the proceeds of marketing assistance loans**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Agriculture on September 23, 2004

H.R. 4620 would give the Secretary of Agriculture explicit authority to collect state commodity assessments at the request of a state from the proceeds of marketing assistance loans. Those assessments are owed by producers to state commodity commissions pursuant to state laws and are now collected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) under agreements with states.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4620 would not affect the federal budget. USDA is currently executing agreements with states to collect commodity assessments from the proceeds of marketing assistance loans and has only recently become concerned about its authority to implement such agreements. H.R. 4620 would address such concerns on behalf of the department.

H.R. 4620 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Dave Hull. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.