



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 4838  
Healthy Forest Youth Conservation Corps Act of 2004**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 15, 2004*

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 4838 would authorize the appropriation of \$125 million over the 2005-2009 period to support projects aimed at preventing forest fires and restoring certain federal land. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4838 would cost \$4 million in 2005 and \$106 million over the 2005-2009 period, assuming appropriation of the specified amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 4838 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Appropriations authorized by this bill would benefit those governments that choose to participate in funded projects.

**ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4838 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Authorization Level	25	25	25	25	25
Estimated Outlays	4	14	25	34	29

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## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

H.R. 4838 would establish the Healthy Forest Youth Conservation Corps and authorize the appropriation of \$25 million a year over the 2005-2009 period to support contracts and cooperative agreements with organizations that belong to that corps. The funds would be used for projects to prevent forest fires and restore federal land. Based on historical spending patterns for similar programs, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4838 would cost \$4 million in 2005 and \$106 million over the next five years, assuming appropriation of the specified amounts. That estimate assumes that H.R. 4838 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2005 and that funds will be provided as specified by the bill.

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

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