



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1612
Homeland Security Technology Improvement Act of 2003
*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs
on October 22, 2003*

S. 1612 would authorize the appropriation of \$50 million for each of fiscal years 2005 through 2014 for the Department of Homeland Security to provide technology, equipment, and information to state and local law enforcement agencies for counterterrorism activities. The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1612 is shown in the following table. Based on historical spending patterns for similar programs, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1612 would cost nearly \$140 million over the 2004-2008 period (and \$360 million after 2008), assuming appropriation of the specified amounts. Enacting S. 1612 would not affect direct spending or receipts.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	0	50	50	50	50
Estimated Outlays	0	11	30	48	50

S. 1612 contains no new intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies would benefit from the information, technology, and equipment to counter terrorist activities. This bill would allow for technology researched and tested by the Department of Homeland Security to be purchase and distributed to state and local law enforcement agencies. Any costs to those governments would be incurred voluntarily as a condition of participating in a federal program.

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