



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 2249

**A bill to amend the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act
to provide for emergency food and shelter**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs
on June 2, 2004*

SUMMARY

S. 2249 would authorize appropriations for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program. The bill also would change the name of one of the organizations on the national board of the program and provide for the inclusion of homeless advocates or food and shelter recipients on local boards.

The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$510 million over the 2005-2007 period. CBO estimates that appropriation of those amounts would result in outlays of \$510 million over that same period. Enacting S. 2249 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 2249 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.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2249 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 600 (income security).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Emergency Food and Shelter Spending						
Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	152	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	152	0	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes:						
Authorization Level	0	160	170	180	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	160	170	180	0	0
Emergency Food and Shelter Spending						
Under S. 2249						
Authorization Level ^a	152	160	170	180	0	0
Estimated Outlays	152	160	170	180	0	0

a. The 2004 level is the amount appropriated for that year for the program.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

Section 2 would authorize the appropriation of \$160 million for fiscal year 2005, \$170 million for 2006, and \$180 million for 2007 for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program. The authorization of appropriations for this program expired in 1994 but it has continued to receive funding through annual appropriation acts. In 2004, \$152 million was appropriated for this program. CBO estimates that implementing this bill would result in \$510 million in outlays over the 2005-2007 period. Over the past several years, all funds appropriated for this program have been spent in the year that they were provided.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 2249 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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