



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 20, 2005

H.R. 230

National Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act of 2005

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Small Business on July 14, 2005

SUMMARY

H.R. 230 would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million for fiscal years 2006 through 2010 to assist small businesses in complying with federal and state regulations. Under the bill, the Small Business Administration would make grants to eligible Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) to advise small businesses on regulatory compliance, gather information on the activities of participating SBDCs, and recommend changes in regulations affecting small businesses. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 230 would cost about \$15 million over the 2006-2010 period, with additional outlays of about \$10 million after 2010. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 230 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). The bill would benefit state, local, and tribal governments receiving grants under the bill, and any costs incurred by grant recipients would result from complying with grant conditions.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 230 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 370 (commerce and housing credit). For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted by the end of 2005, that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each fiscal year, and that outlays will follow historical trends. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$15 million over the 2006-2010 period for grants to assist small business in complying with federal and state regulations. Remaining amounts—about \$10 million—would be spent after 2010.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	5	5	5	5	5
Estimated Outlays	*	2	4	4	5

NOTE: * = less than \$500,000.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

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