



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 27, 2006

H.R. 4942 **Promoting Antiterrorism Capabilities Through** **International Cooperation Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security
on June 14, 2006*

SUMMARY

H.R. 4942 would establish the International Cooperative Programs Office within the Science and Technology Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The office would be directed to facilitate and support cooperation on homeland security research between the United States and its allies, and would be charged with appropriately matching U.S. and foreign entities engaged in such research.

The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million a year for the 2007-2010 period to fund joint research efforts, studies, and other cooperative activities between the United States and its allies. The Under Secretary of Science and Technology of DHS would be responsible for ensuring that funding and resources expended by the United States in such joint efforts be equitably matched by foreign partners. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4942 would cost \$85 million over the 2007-2011 period, assuming the appropriation of the specified amounts.

H.R. 4942 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4942 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget functions 050 (national defense) and 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of dollars				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	25	25	25	25	0
Estimated Outlays	6	16	22	23	18

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million a year for the 2007-2010 period to fund joint research efforts between the United States and its allies, and to establish the Office of Science and Technology Homeland Security International Cooperative Programs Office in DHS. The Director of the new office would report to the Under Secretary for Science and Technology and would be responsible for:

- Promoting cooperative research between the United States and its allies on homeland security technologies;
- Facilitating the matching of U.S. entities engaged in homeland security research with appropriate foreign research partners;
- Ensuring that activities of the office are coordinated with other parts of DHS and other relevant research agencies; and
- Planning and executing conferences and workshops to improve contact among technology developers and to help establish direction for future technology goals.

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 4942 will be enacted late in 2006 and that the authorized amounts will be provided in annual appropriation acts. Using historical spending patterns for these types of programs, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4942 would cost \$85 million over the 2007-2011 period, assuming the appropriation of the specified amounts.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 4942 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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