



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 912  
Humanitarian Assistance Code of Conduct Act of 2005**

*As introduced and referred to the House Committee on International Relations  
on February 17, 2005*

H.R. 912 would prohibit the obligation of funds appropriated for certain humanitarian relief operations to any organization that fails to adopt a code of conduct that provides for the protection of beneficiaries of assistance from sexual exploitation and abuse. The restrictions would take effect 60 days after the enactment of the bill and could affect fiscal year 2005 operations. Enacting H.R. 912 may temporarily slow obligations as rules and regulations are developed and implemented, however, CBO estimates that the budgetary effect would not be significant because any delays would be brief and the affected amounts would be small. The bill would not affect receipts.

H.R. 912 would apply to funds appropriated for Migration and Refugee Assistance, Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance, International Disaster Assistance, or Transition Initiatives. The bill also would require the Administration to prepare two reports on its implementation of the restrictions. CBO estimates preparing the required reports would not add significantly to the State Department's workload.

H.R. 912 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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