



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 2697
United States Ambassador for ASEAN Affairs Act**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
on May 25, 2006*

S. 2697 would create a new position within the Department of State: the Ambassador for ASEAN (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Affairs. The ambassador would be appointed by the President, subject to the advice and consent of the Senate. The bill also expresses the sense of the Congress that a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and the Pacific should be selected for the proposed ambassadorship.

Based on information from the State Department, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2697 would cost less than \$500,000 a year over the 2007-2011 period, assuming appropriation of the estimated amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

S. 2697 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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