



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1405  
Wildlife GAINS Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on March 27, 2007*

H.R. 1405 would direct the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, in collaboration with departments in the federal government, state agencies, international organizations, and private organizations, to establish and maintain a Wildlife Global Animal Information Network for Surveillance (GAINS). The purpose of the GAINS program is to coordinate information and investigations related to animal diseases that could affect humans, domestic animals, or wildlife. Under the bill, the Administrator would be required to post information on the existence and location of such diseases in a database on the Internet and provide training to members of the surveillance network. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million a year over the 2008-2012 period for those purposes.

Based on spending patterns for other programs related to infectious diseases, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1405 would cost \$2 million in 2008 and \$36 million over the 2008-2012 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1405 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Some state wildlife agencies and public colleges of medicine and veterinary medicine may choose to participate in the GAINS projects. Any costs to those entities would be incurred voluntarily.

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