

## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 2, 2007

## H.R. 3521 Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act of 2007

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Financial Services on September 25, 2007

CBO estimates that H.R. 3521 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 3521 would alter the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) implementation of a new system for allocating operating subsidies to public housing authorities (PHAs). Historically, HUD has provided funding to PHAs in an aggregate amount for each authority. Under the agency's new operating fund formula, PHAs will receive a separate subsidy for each housing project under their control. The bill would prevent HUD from imposing a limit on the amount of funding that can be used for management fees, increase the unit threshold under which smaller PHAs are exempt from asset management requirements, and prevent HUD from limiting the use of Public Housing Capital Fund assistance for a PHAs' central office costs.

H.R. 3521 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. State, local, and tribal governments that participate in housing assistance programs would benefit from management activities authorized in the bill.

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