



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 85
Energy Technology Transfer Act

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science and Technology
on February 28, 2007*

H.R. 85 would amend a provision of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 that authorizes the Department of Energy (DOE) to provide grants to state and local governments, nonprofit organizations, and institutions of higher learning for purposes of educating the public on energy-efficient technologies. H.R. 85 would make changes to that provision, particularly to specify additional criteria for DOE to consider in awarding such grants and to establish new requirements for recipients of those grants.

Based on information from DOE, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 85 would not significantly affect the federal budget. We expect that any change in the amount of grants awarded under the bill or the agency's costs to administer them would not exceed \$500,000 annually, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting H.R. 85 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 85 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.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Megan Carroll. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.