



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 845 **Safety of Seniors Act of 2007**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
on March 29, 2007*

S. 845 would modify the Public Health Service Act to authorize funding for programs to detect, prevent, and treat injuries. The bill would also direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to undertake research, education, and other activities aimed at reducing the extent and effect of falls among older adults.

S. 845 would authorize the appropriation of \$58.4 million for 2008 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2009 and 2010 for the specified activities. Assuming that the costs in 2009 and 2010 would be equal to the 2008 authorization adjusted for inflation, CBO estimates that HHS would require \$178 million in budget authority to carry out those activities over the 2008-2010 period. Based on historical spending patterns for similar activities, and assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 845 would cost \$22 million in 2008 and \$172 million over the 2008-2012 period. Enacting S. 845 would not affect direct spending or receipts.

S. 845 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. State, local, and tribal governments could benefit from grants and other assistance programs authorized by the bill.

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 845 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	58	59	61	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	22	48	56	36	10

The costs of this bill to the federal government were estimated by Tim Gronniger. The intergovernmental and private-sector impacts were analyzed by Leo Lex and Paige Shevlin, respectively. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.