



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 5462**  
**Birth Defects Prevention, Risk Reduction, and Awareness Act of 2010**  
*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
on September 23, 2010*

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 5462 would amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to award grants to states and other organizations for the provision of pregnancy and breastfeeding information services. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5462 would cost \$18 million over the 2011-2015 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting H.R. 5462 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 5462 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

**ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 5462 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2011- 2015
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Authorization Level	0	5	6	7	8	24
Estimated Outlays	0	2	4	5	7	18

Note: Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

H.R. 5462 would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to establish a program to promote public awareness for prevention of birth defects. To implement the program, the Secretary would award grants to states or organizations for the provision of information about pregnancy and breastfeeding. Pregnancy and breastfeeding information is defined as clinical information regarding maternal exposure during pregnancy or breastfeeding that may be associated with birth defects or other infant health risks.

In making grant decisions, the Secretary would give preference to states that have previously made available pregnancy and breastfeeding information and to organizations that will make such information available. The Secretary could only award grants to states and organizations that make available nonfederal matching funds equal to at least 25 percent of the amount of the grant.

The bill would authorize the appropriation of specific amounts each year for fiscal years 2012 through 2016. Based on historical patterns of spending for grant programs administered by CDC and assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$18 million over the 2012-2015 period and an additional \$14 million after 2015.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 5462 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. Grant funds authorized in the bill would benefit states that provide information services regarding pregnancy and breastfeeding. Any costs to states, including matching funds, would be incurred voluntarily as a condition of federal assistance.

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