



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1382
Peace Corps Improvement and Expansion Act of 2010
*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
on April 13, 2010*

S. 1382 would indefinitely authorize the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Peace Corps. In 2010, the Congress appropriated \$400 million for the Peace Corps; the President has requested \$446 million for the Peace Corps for 2011. CBO expects that funding in subsequent years would increase pursuant to the President’s initiative to increase the number of Peace Corps volunteers serving abroad from over 7,600 today to 9,400 by the end of 2012 and 11,000 by the end of 2016. On that basis, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost about \$2.5 billion over the 2011-2015 period, assuming that the estimated amounts are appropriated and that outlays follow historical spending patterns for Peace Corps programs.

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1382 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 150 (international affairs).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2011-2015
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION ^a						
Estimated Authorization Level	446	524	536	576	621	2,703
Estimated Outlays	335	493	525	561	605	2,519

a. The Congress appropriated \$400 million for the Peace Corps for fiscal year 2010, enacted in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-117) on December 16, 2009. CBO assumes no additional funding will be provided for the Peace Corps for this year.

Enacting S. 1382 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 1382 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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