



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 2839
Torture Victims Relief Authorization Act of 2010
*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
on April 13, 2010*

S. 2839 would authorize the appropriation of \$37 million in both 2011 and 2012 for programs to assist victims of torture. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$74 million over the 2011-2013 period, assuming that the authorized amounts are appropriated and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for those programs.

Enacting S. 2839 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 2839 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. State governments could benefit from grant funds authorized by the bill. Any costs to states would be incurred voluntarily as conditions of federal assistance.

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2839 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget functions 150 (international affairs) and 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2011- 2015
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Domestic Treatment Centers						
Authorization Level	25	25	0	0	0	50
Estimated Outlays	1	25	24	0	0	50
Foreign Treatment Centers						
Authorization Level	12	12	0	0	0	24
Estimated Outlays	1	12	11	0	0	24
Total Changes						
Authorization Level	37	37	0	0	0	74
Estimated Outlays	2	37	35	0	0	74

Section 2 would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million in both 2011 and 2012 for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for domestic treatment of victims of torture. In 2009 (the most recent year for which such data is available), HHS received an appropriation of \$11 million to award grants to programs in the United States that provide psychological and physical rehabilitation, social services, and legal services to victims of torture.

Section 3 would authorize the appropriation of \$12 million in both 2011 and 2012 for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) for foreign treatment of victims of torture. In 2009, USAID received an appropriation of \$13 million to award grants to programs in developing countries that provide psychological and physical rehabilitation, social services, and training and advocacy services to victims of torture.

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