



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1550  
Federal Law Enforcement Recruitment and Retention Act of 2011**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on July 20, 2011*

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1550 would cost about \$1 million annually from appropriated funds. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1550 would direct the Department of Justice (DOJ) to establish a program to improve the recruiting and retention of federal law enforcement officers in states with high rates of violent crime. Based on information from DOJ, we expect the department would hire a small number of additional staff to carry out the program. Implementation costs would include salaries, benefits, and travel expenses.

CBO anticipates that H.R. 1550 would be implemented so as to increase the number of federal law enforcement officers working in states with high rates of violent crime, and that any increase in the cost to deploy additional law enforcement officers would be insignificant. If DOJ sought appropriated funds to increase the overall number of law enforcement officers, the cost to implement this legislation could be considerably greater.

H.R. 1550 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.

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