



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 2, 2012

H.R. 4141 **Donald M. Payne International Food Assistance** **Improvement Act of 2012**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on June 7, 2012,
with amendments provided to CBO on June 18, 2012*

H.R. 4141 would require the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to enhance the quality control mechanisms of programs that provide international food assistance, especially those assisting vulnerable groups (for example, pregnant and nursing women, children, and individuals infected with HIV). The bill also would expand the membership and responsibilities of the Food Aid Consultative Group.

Under current law, USAID already complies with certain requirements in H.R. 4141, such as adjusting food products to ensure cost effectiveness and testing prototypes. In addition, the agency is currently taking actions to meet other requirements in the bill. CBO estimates that developing new program guidance and strengthening the existing efforts to evaluate the cost-effectiveness and quality of food products among vulnerable populations would have insignificant costs in each year. In total, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4141 would cost \$1 million over the 2013-2017 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Provisions relating to the Food Aid Consultative Group would not have a significant budget impact because the authority for that group to exist expires on December 21, 2012.

Enacting H.R. 4141 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 4141 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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