



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4240

**Ambassador James R. Lilley and Congressman Stephen J. Solarz
North Korea Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2012**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on March 28, 2012

H.R. 4240 would reauthorize, through 2017, programs that provide assistance to certain North Koreans who have left that country and that promote human rights, democracy, and freedom of information in North Korea. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$24 million a year over the 2013-2017 period for those programs (the same amounts authorized for 2012). Based on spending patterns for the programs, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have discretionary costs of \$108 million over the 2013-2017 period, assuming appropriation of the specified amounts.

In particular, the bill would authorize the appropriation of the following amounts each year over the 2013-2017 period:

- \$20 million for humanitarian assistance for North Korean refugees and emigrants;
- \$2 million to promote human rights, democracy, rule of law, and development of a market economy; and
- \$2 million to promote freedom of information.

Finally, the bill would require the Broadcasting Board of Governors to report to the Congress on its progress toward providing 12 hours of daily programming to North Korea. CBO estimates that implementing that requirement would have discretionary costs of less than \$500,000, assuming the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting H.R. 4240 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4240 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					2013- 2017
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	24	24	24	24	24	120
Estimated Outlays	17	21	23	23	24	108

H.R. 4240 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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