



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 954
Haitian-American Enterprise Fund Act
As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on May 17, 2011

S. 954 would authorize the President to establish an enterprise fund for Haiti to stimulate private-sector development in that country and would authorize the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary for that purpose. The fund would be similar to enterprise funds established in the 1990s for several countries and would provide technical and financial assistance to the private sector.

Based on information from the Administration and appropriations provided for previous enterprise funds, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$200 million over the 2012-2016 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. CBO further estimates that the fund would be capitalized over four years with separate installments of funding. The bill would require the Government Accountability Office to assess the fund’s activities and report to the Congress periodically. CBO estimates that the cost of implementing that requirement would be less than \$500,000 over the 2012-2016 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 954 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					2012- 2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Estimated Authorization Level	50	50	50	50	0	200
Estimated Outlays	25	50	50	50	25	200

The bill would require the fund to be terminated no later than December 31, 2021 (unless the U.S. Agency for International Development determines it should be extended) and the assets of the fund at the time of dissolution to be returned to the Treasury. Other enterprise funds have generally had a life span of 10 to 15 years. Some had assets that exceeded the original funding levels, while others have experienced losses. Because of the uncertainty

surrounding the term and performance of the fund, CBO cannot provide an estimate of any potential receipts; furthermore, any such receipts would probably be received outside the 10-year budget period.

S. 954 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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