



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 1719
RAISE Family Caregivers Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Health, Education,
Labor, and Pensions on November 18, 2015*

S. 1719 would require the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the heads of other appropriate agencies, to establish and maintain a national strategy for family caregiving. In addition, the bill would require the Secretary to convene a Family Caregiving Advisory Council, the membership of which would consist of at least nine members who are representatives of federal departments or agencies and up to 15 members who are not. The council would meet quarterly during the first year after enactment of the bill, and at least three times in each subsequent year.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 1719 would cost \$1 million over the 2016-2020 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Those costs would stem mostly from new staff to coordinate the national strategy and support the council and from travel and per diem costs for the council.

Enacting S. 1719 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting S. 1719 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2026.

S. 1719 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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