



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

February 25, 2011

**H.R. 525  
Veterinary Public Health Amendments Act of 2011**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
on February 15, 2011*

Under current law, the Health Resources and Services Administration is authorized to provide loans or grants to certain individuals or entities with the goal of increasing and improving the public health workforce. H.R. 525 would amend the Public Health Service Act by providing access to those programs for certain veterinary health professionals and educational organizations. The bill would allow entities that provide education and training in veterinary public health to apply for and receive grant assistance from the Public Health Workforce Grant program. In addition, the bill would allow certain individuals that will receive or have received a degree in veterinary public health to apply for and receive loan assistance under the Public Health Workforce Loan Repayment program.

Based on the cost of changes in eligibility for grants and assistance in similar programs, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 525 would have a negligible impact on federal spending over the next five years; any additional spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting this legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 525 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. State and local governments, including public institutions of higher education that provide education and training in veterinary public health, would benefit from expanded eligibility authorized in the bill.

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