



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1415 **End Neglected Tropical Diseases Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on November 15, 2017

H.R. 1415 would amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to support research, training, and reporting on the treatment of neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). The bill also would require the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to report to the Congress on NTDs in the United States and to convene a temporary panel to study and report on issues related to parasitic worm infections in the United States.

In fiscal year 2017, CDC received \$24.5 million to develop strategies to reduce deaths, illnesses, and disabilities caused by parasitic diseases and malaria. CBO estimates that, under H.R. 1415, conducting similar activities for additional NTDs would require annual appropriations of about \$5 million a year; outlays would total \$21 million over the 2018-2022 period. In addition, CBO estimates, convening the temporary panel and reporting its findings would cost about \$1 million over the period, bringing the total cost of the bill to \$22 million over the 2018-2022 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.

Finally, the bill would encourage the U.S Agency for International Development (USAID) to monitor and evaluate NTD programs, coordinate those programs with the agency's other health and development programs, and continue research on NTDs. It also would encourage the Department of State to consider the effects of NTDs on its HIV/AIDS programs. Based on information from USAID, CBO estimates that implementing those provisions of H.R. 1415 would not impose additional costs on USAID or the State department.

Because enacting H.R. 1415 would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1415 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 1415 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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