



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 2061**  
**North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2017**  
*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on July 27, 2017*

H.R. 2061 would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million each year over the 2018-2022 period for programs to improve access to information in North Korea, promote democracy and respect for human rights in that country, and provide humanitarian assistance to North Korean refugees. The bill also would require reports to the Congress on the implementation of those programs and related matters. Finally, the bill would repeal existing authorizations of appropriations that total \$10 million each year over the 2017-2021 period. Of that amount, \$2 million was authorized annually for that same period for a single report that is due in 2017. CBO expects that if any appropriations were provided after 2017 pursuant to that authorization, those amounts will not be needed for that report and will not be available for spending on other purposes.

As shown in the following table, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2061 would cost, on net, \$9 million over the 2018-2022 period, assuming appropriation actions consistent with the legislation. CBO estimates that the reporting requirements would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2018-2022 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars						2017-2022
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
<b>INCREASES OR DECREASES (-) IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>							
Specified Authorizations							
Authorization Level	0	10	10	10	10	10	50
Estimated Outlays	0	2	6	8	9	9	34
Repeal of Existing Authorizations							
Authorization Level	0	-10	-10	-10	-10	0	-40
Estimated Outlays	0	-3	-6	-7	-7	-2	-25
Total Changes							
Authorization Level	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Estimated Outlays	0	-1	0	1	2	7	9

Enacting H.R. 2061 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2061 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 2061 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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