



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 13, 2017

H.R. 2521 **South Carolina Peanut Parity Act of 2017**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Agriculture on October 4, 2017

H.R. 2521 would amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to include South Carolina as part of the Virginia-Carolina peanut producing region for purposes of appointing members to the Peanut Standards Board. That 18-member Board advises the Secretary of Agriculture on quality and handling standards for domestically-produced and imported peanuts. The bill would effectively add three new members to the Board, bringing its total to 21.

According to the Department of Agriculture, this board meets infrequently and incurs insignificant costs for travel and other expenses. As a result, CBO estimates that adding three members to the Board would have no significant effect on federal spending; which would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2521 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 2521 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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