



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1736 **International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science and Technology
on April 29, 2009*

H.R. 1736 would require the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to create a new committee under the National Science and Technology Council. The committee would facilitate international research and training activities, primarily those to aid U.S. domestic science and technology and support U.S. foreign policy goals. Senior-level officials from the OSTP and Department of State would co-chair the committee.

Based on information from the OSTP, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1736 would cost about \$3 million annually, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. That amount includes the costs to coordinate activities, provide reports, and hire new staff for the OSTP. The bill would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.

The legislation 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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