



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2020 **Networking and Information Technology** **Research and Development Act of 2009**

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

H.R. 2020 would expand the activities of the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) program, which coordinates the federal government's advanced computing, networking, and software development goals. The bill would codify the activities of the program's existing national coordination office. Activities currently include creating a strategic plan, soliciting input from various stakeholders, and coordinating periodic reviews of agencies' information technology activities. H.R. 2020 also would require the director of the program to evaluate and make recommendations on new projects of national importance related to high-performance computing. Finally, the legislation would require that a task force of industry and academic experts develop certain information technology systems.

Based on information from the NITRD program office, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2020 would cost about \$500,000 annually, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. That amount includes the costs to support the task force and lead the evaluation of high-performance computing. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2020 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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