



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 3104
A bill to permanently authorize Radio Free Asia, and for other purposes
*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
on May 25, 2010*

S. 3104 would permanently extend the authorization for Radio Free Asia (RFA). RFA is a private, nonprofit corporation that broadcasts news, cultural programming, and other information in several languages to countries in Asia. Under current law, the authorization for RFA expires at the end of fiscal year 2010. Based on the 2010 appropriated level of \$37 million, CBO estimates that RFA would require an appropriation of \$38 million for 2011 (that amount is identical to the President’s request for 2011). After adjusting for inflation, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$188 million over the 2011-2015 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting this legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 3104 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.

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 3104 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 150 (international affairs).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2011-2015
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	38	38	39	40	41	196
Estimated Outlays	32	38	39	39	40	188

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