



# CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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## **S. 3317** **Haiti Empowerment, Assistance, and Rebuilding Act of 2010**

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on May 25, 2010*

S. 3317 would authorize the appropriation of \$2 billion over the 2010-2011 period to support reconstruction and development in Haiti, which suffered from a damaging earthquake on January 12, 2010. In addition, the bill would establish a position of Senior Haiti Coordinator in the Department of State to advise, oversee, and coordinate U.S. policy towards Haiti for five years. Based on information from the Administration, CBO estimates that about \$1 million a year over the 2012-2015 period would be needed to fund the operating expenses (including salary, benefits, supplies, travel, etc.) for the Senior Haiti Coordinator and a small support staff of five to seven people.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 3317 would cost about \$2 billion over the 2010-2015 period, assuming that the authorized and estimated amounts are appropriated each year and that outlays follow historical spending patterns for similar programs. The estimated budgetary impact of S. 3317 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						2010- 2015
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>							
Estimated Authorization Level	1,500	500	1	1	1	1	2,005
Estimated Outlays	263	641	540	325	138	52	1,959

Note: Numbers do not sum to totals because of rounding.

Enacting S. 3317 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 3317 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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