



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 13, 2010

### **H.R. 5105**

#### **A bill to establish a Chief Veterinary Officer in the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on June 23, 2010*

H.R. 5105 would establish the position of Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would have no significant cost over the next five years. Enacting this legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 5105 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.

H.R. 5105 would establish a CVO within the Office of Health Affairs (OHA) of DHS. The CVO would have responsibilities related to agricultural security and other security issues related to veterinary medicine and veterinary health. Based on information from DHS, CBO does not expect that implementing this legislation would increase the functions of the department or require additional staff. The responsibilities that would be associated with the CVO are currently handled by the Food, Agriculture, and Veterinary Defense branch of OHA; consequently, CBO estimates that this change would have no significant budgetary effect over the next five years.

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