

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4416

Great Ape Conservation Reauthorization Amendments Act of 2010

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 22, 2010

SUMMARY

H.R. 4416 would authorize the appropriation of \$33 million over the 2011-2015 period for the Department of the Interior (DOI) to make grants to develop and implement conservation strategies for great apes (chimpanzees, gorillas, and orangutans) and their habitats and to provide awards to those that have protected and conserved great ape populations. CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost \$28 million over the 2011-2015 period, assuming the appropriation of the specified amounts. Enacting H.R. 4416 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4416 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

		By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2014	2011 2015	
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	6	6	7	7	8	33	
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BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2011 and that the amounts specified will be provided for each year.

H.R. 4416 would authorize the appropriation of \$33 million over the 2011-2015 period for DOI to make grants to wildlife management authorities and other individuals that demonstrate effective, long-term strategies for protecting great apes and their habitats. The legislation also would authorize DOI to provide awards, including monetary awards not to exceed \$7,500, to individuals who have contributed to the conservation and protection of great ape populations. Based on the historical spending patterns of similar DOI programs, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4416 would cost \$28 million over the 2011-2015 period.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 4416 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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