



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 23, 2010

H.R. 5986 **Neglected Infections of Impoverished Americans Act of 2010**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
on September 23, 2010*

H.R. 5986 would require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to submit a report to the Congress on the epidemiology and impact of neglected diseases of poverty and the appropriate level of funding required to address those diseases. The bill specifies that such diseases include: Chagas disease, cysticercosis, toxocariasis, toxoplasmosis, trichomoniasis, the soil-transmitted helminths, and other related diseases as designated by the Secretary. The report would also include an evaluation of the current state of knowledge of these diseases and address any threats from such diseases.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5986 would cost less than \$500,000, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 550 (health). Enacting H.R. 5986 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 5986 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.

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