



# CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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## **H.R. 2408** **Scleroderma Research and Awareness Act of 2010**

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

### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 2408 would encourage the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to expand, intensify, and coordinate scleroderma research activities. It also would authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to conduct an educational campaign to increase public awareness of scleroderma. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2408 would cost \$12 million over the 2011-2015 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting H.R. 2408 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 2408 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2408 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2011- 2015
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Estimated Authorization Level	3	5	4	0	0	12
Estimated Outlays	1	3	4	3	1	12

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 2408 will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2011 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated each year. The bill would encourage the Director of NIH to expand, intensify, and coordinate scleroderma-related activities with a focus on the etiology and development of new treatments for scleroderma, clinical research for new treatment options, and basic research on the relationship between scleroderma and secondary conditions. Currently, those activities are underway at NIH, so implementing those provisions would have no budgetary effect.

H.R. 2408 also would authorize the Secretary of HHS to conduct an educational campaign through print, video, and Web-based materials to increase public awareness of scleroderma. Based on spending by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2408 would cost \$1 million in 2011 and \$12 million over the 2011-2015 period.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 2408 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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