



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 18, 2009

H.R. 608 **Smithsonian Institution Facilities Authorization Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
on February 12, 2009*

H.R. 608 would authorize the appropriation of \$41 million for laboratory and support space at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Edgewater, Maryland; \$14 million for laboratory space at the Smithsonian tropical research institute in Gamboa, Panama; and \$12 million for a greenhouse facility in Suitland, Maryland. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 608 would cost \$67 million over the 2009-2013 period, as shown in the following table. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

| | By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars | | | | | | 2009- |
|---------------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2014 |
| Authorization Level | 67 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 |
| Estimated Outlays | 7 | 21 | 23 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 67 |

H.R. 608 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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