



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2611 **A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002** **to authorize the Securing the Cities Initiative** **of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security
on November 20, 2009*

SUMMARY

H.R. 2611 would authorize funding for fiscal year 2010 and subsequent years for the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to support the Securing the Cities Initiative, a program to detect illicit nuclear and radiological material in urban areas. For each city that participated in the program in 2009, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$40 million for fiscal year 2010, \$20 million for 2011, and at least \$10 million for each subsequent year. H.R. 2611 also would authorize the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary for each fiscal year to implement this program in at least two new areas.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2611 would cost \$206 million over the 2010-2014 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2611 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2611 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2010- 2014
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Securing the Cities Funding for New York City						
Estimated Authorization Level	20	20	10	10	10	70
Estimated Outlays	8	14	16	13	10	61
Securing the Cities Funding for Other Areas						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	80	40	20	20	160
Estimated Outlays	0	40	40	40	25	145
Total Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	20	100	50	30	30	230
Estimated Outlays	8	54	56	53	35	206

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted near the middle of calendar year 2010, the necessary amounts will be appropriated near the start of each fiscal year (except fiscal year 2010), and outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for those activities.

For fiscal year 2009, the only city to participate in the Secure the Cities Initiative was New York City. For 2010, the Congress appropriated \$20 million to continue that program. Thus, CBO estimates that H.R. 2611 would authorize the appropriation of an additional \$20 million in 2010 (for a total of \$40 million in 2010), \$20 million in 2011, and \$10 million for each year thereafter to continue operating the program in New York City.

In addition, the bill would authorize the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary for each fiscal year to implement the Securing the Cities Initiative in at least two new locations. Based on information from DHS, CBO assumes that those cities would be chosen by the beginning of fiscal year 2011 and that each would receive the same funding that the bill would authorize for New York City (but with a lag of one year as compared to the authorizations for New York). Thus, we estimate that this provision of H.R. 2611 would authorize the appropriation of \$80 million for fiscal year 2011, \$40 million for 2012, and \$20 million for each year thereafter.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2611 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Assuming appropriation of authorized and estimated amounts, certain cities would receive about \$200 million over the 2010-2014 period for security activities. Any costs to those governments would be incurred voluntarily as a condition of receiving federal assistance.

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