



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 6109**  
**Pre-Disaster Mitigation Act of 2008**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
on May 22, 2008*

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 6109 would authorize appropriations to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for grants to states and localities for pre-disaster mitigation programs such as constructing levees, relocating homes from flood-prone areas, and retrofitting buildings in areas prone to earthquakes. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6109 would cost \$700 million over the 2009-2013 period and \$50 million after 2013, assuming appropriation of the specified amounts. Enacting H.R. 6109 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 6109 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. 6109 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 450 (community and regional development).

|   | By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars |      |      |      |      | 2009-2013 |
|---|--|------|------|------|------|-----------|
|   | 2009                                   | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |           |
| <b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b> |  |      |      |      |      |           |
| Authorization Level                                 | 250                                    | 250  | 250  | 0    | 0    | 750       |
| Estimated Outlays                                   | 25                                     | 100  | 200  | 225  | 150  | 700       |

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

Under current law, FEMA is authorized through 2008 to provide grants to states and localities to help prevent damage in areas frequented by disasters. H.R. 6109 would extend this authority through 2011 and authorize the appropriation of \$250 million per year over the 2009-2011 period, an increase of \$136 million over the 2008 appropriation level of \$114 million (see Public Law 110-161). CBO's estimate of spending is based on historical spending patterns for such grants.

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

H.R. 6109 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 amounts, those governments would benefit from \$700 million in grants over the 2009-2013 period for mitigation activities. Any costs to those governments, including matching funds, would be incurred voluntarily.

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