



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1545 **PEPFAR Stewardship and Oversight Act of 2013**

As reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on October 2, 2013

S. 1545 would reauthorize through 2018 certain recently expired provisions of foreign assistance programs to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis (commonly known as the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief or PEPFAR). CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have discretionary costs of \$15 million over the 2014-2018 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

Section 2 would extend a recently expired requirement for the Inspectors General (IGs) of the Department of State, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Agency for International Development to coordinate their annual plans for oversight of PEPFAR programs. According to the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC)—the office within the Department of State that coordinates all PEPFAR activities—the IGs have spent roughly \$14 million on such oversight over the past five years. Similar to those recent costs, CBO expects each of the three IGs would require appropriations of roughly \$1 million a year to continue such oversight. Assuming appropriation of those amounts, CBO estimates that implementing that provision would cost \$14 million over the 2014-2018 period.

Section 5 would expand and extend an annual reporting requirement on HIV/AIDS relief activities. Based on information from OGAC, CBO estimates that implementing this requirement would have discretionary costs of less than \$500,000 each year, with a total of \$1 million over the 2014-2018 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Finally, section 3 would extend an annual requirement to perform a study of HIV/AIDS treatment providers; OGAC indicated that it already plans to collect and analyze that information and CBO estimates that implementing that requirement would have no significant costs.

Other provisions in the bill would address certain requirements for two ongoing PEPFAR programs—U.S. contributions to the Global Fund (an international organization to prevent and treat AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria) and HIV/AIDS assistance for orphans and vulnerable children and for certain types of treatment. The bill would not authorize any appropriations for those activities. Relative to the activities that will be undertaken under

current law, we expect no new activities would be required to implement these provisions; thus, we estimate that their implementation would have no incremental cost.

S. 1545 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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