



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1786
National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act
Reauthorization of 2014**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
on February 28, 2014*

SUMMARY

H.R. 1786 would reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, which was created to improve the understanding of windstorms and their impacts and to develop measures to reduce the damage they cause. The bill also would establish new committees to coordinate the activities of federal agencies participating in the program and to assess developments in efforts to mitigate damage from windstorms.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1786 would cost \$21 million over the 2015-2019 period. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1786 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1786 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget functions 250 (general science, space, and technology), 300 (natural resources and environment), 370 (commerce and housing credit), and 450 (community and regional development).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2015-2019
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	21	0	0	0	0	21
Estimated Outlays	10	8	2	1	0	21

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 1786 will be enacted near the end of fiscal year 2014 and that the authorized amount will be appropriated in 2015. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for this program.

For fiscal year 2015, H.R. 1786 would authorize appropriations of \$5 million for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, \$10 million for the National Science Foundation, \$4 million for the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and \$2 million for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program. Assuming appropriation of those amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$21 million over the 2015-2019 period.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1786 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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