



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 1567
Global Food Security Act of 2015
As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on April 23, 2015

H.R. 1567 would require the President to develop and implement a strategy to improve global food security. In carrying out that strategy, the Administration would provide assistance to developing countries to reduce chronic hunger and poverty, support economic growth by expanding agricultural output, and improve nutrition, especially among women and children. The strategy would be similar to the Administration’s ongoing global food security initiative called Feed the Future. The bill also would require the Administration to submit a detailed progress report to the Congress.

H.R. 1567 would authorize appropriations of slightly more than \$1 billion in 2016 for programs at the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to implement the strategy. The Department of State and USAID together plan to use roughly \$1 billion of their 2015 appropriation for similar purposes. Based on the historical spending patterns of similar assistance programs, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$905 million over the 2016-2020 period, assuming appropriation of the specified amounts. (Most of the remainder would be spent in subsequent years.) Based on information from USAID, CBO estimates that other federal entities involved in implementing the strategy would not require additional appropriations for that purpose. Enacting H.R. 1567 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1567 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall primarily within budget function 150 (international affairs).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2016-2020
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	1,001	0	0	0	0	1,001
Estimated Outlays	5	250	350	250	50	905

H.R. 1567 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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