

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 31, 2008

H.R. 2063 Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act of 2008

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on March 13, 2008

H.R. 2063 would require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop a policy for managing the risk of food allergies and anaphylaxis in schools. (Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that involves multiple organs.) The bill would require that the policy be made available to schools within one year of enactment. Implementation of the policy by schools would be voluntary.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention received an appropriation of \$491,000 for fiscal year 2008 to develop guidelines for schools regarding food allergies and anaphylaxis. Because the development of the policy set forth in H.R. 2063 currently is underway, CBO estimates that the bill would not result in any additional federal spending.

H.R. 2063 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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