



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 14, 2003

H.R. 2086 **Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2003**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary
on July 9, 2003*

SUMMARY

H.R. 2086 would reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and programs administered by that office through 2008. Most major programs administered by that office are authorized through 2003 and include the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program, the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign, and the Counterdrug Technology Assessment Center.

In total, CBO estimates that the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$573 million in 2004. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2086 would cost \$2.5 billion over the 2004-2008 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.

By reauthorizing ONDCP's authority to accept and spend gifts, enacting H.R. 2086 could affect direct spending and revenues, but CBO estimates that any such impact would be negligible.

H.R. 2086 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. 2086 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget functions 750 (administration of justice) and 800 (general government).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	521	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	355	284	79	11	0	0
Proposed Changes:						
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas						
Authorization Level	0	230	240	240	250	250
Estimated Outlays	0	58	198	227	242	249
National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign						
Authorization Level	0	195	195	210	210	210
Estimated Outlays	0	59	156	200	207	210
Other Federal Drug Control Programs						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	73	75	76	78	80
Estimated Outlays	0	22	59	75	76	78
Office of National Drug Control Policy						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	26	27	28	28	29
Estimated Outlays	0	22	26	27	27	28
Counterdrug Technology Assessment Center						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	49	50	51	52	53
Estimated Outlays	0	45	50	51	52	53
Total Proposed Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	573	587	605	618	622
Estimated Outlays	0	206	489	580	604	618
Total Spending Under H.R. 2086						
Estimated Authorization Level	521	573	587	605	618	622
Estimated Outlays	355	490	568	591	604	618

NOTES: Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

- a. The 2003 level is the amount appropriated for that year for programs administered by the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted near the end of fiscal year 2003, that the necessary amounts will be provided each year, and that spending will follow historical patterns for the ONDCP and its programs.

Spending Subject to Appropriation

The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$230 million in fiscal year 2004, \$240 million annually over the 2005-2006 period, and \$250 million annually over the 2007-2008 period for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program. In addition, H.R. 2086 would authorize the appropriation of \$195 million for each of fiscal years 2004 and 2005 and \$210 million annually over the 2006-2008 period for the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign program. CBO estimates that implementing those programs over the 2004-2008 period would cost \$1.8 billion.

In addition, H.R. 2086 would authorize the appropriation of such sums as necessary to operate other federal drug control programs, ONDCP, and the Counterdrug Technology Assessment Center through fiscal year 2008. The current authorization for ONDCP expires at the end of fiscal year 2003.

Because the bill does not specify funding levels, CBO estimated the cost of continuing to operate other federal drug control programs, ONDCP, and the Counterdrug Technology Assessment Center by adjusting 2003 funding for anticipated inflation. On that basis, we estimate that implementing those programs over the 2004-2008 period would cost \$690 million.

Revenues and Direct Spending

H.R. 2086 would reauthorize ONDCP to accept donations of real and personal property. Gifts are classified in the budget as revenues, and spending of such sums would constitute direct spending. According to ONDCP, it has not received any gifts in recent years and does not expect to receive any under this authority. Hence, CBO estimates that additional revenues and direct spending under H.R. 2086 would be negligible.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2086 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On June 16, 2003, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2086 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Government Reform on June 5, 2003. The two versions of the bill are similar, and the cost estimates are identical.

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