

## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 3, 2014

## S. 1104 Assessing Progress in Haiti Act of 2014

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on June 24, 2014

S. 1104 would require the Department of State to report to the Congress on the status of recovery and development efforts in Haiti following the 2010 earthquake in that country. The bill would require one report in calendar year 2014 and annual reports through calendar year 2017. It also would require the department to develop a three-year strategy to promote economic development and build professional and responsive governmental institutions in Haiti, and provide quarterly briefings to the Congress on the implementation of that strategy. Based on information from the department, CBO estimates that implementing those requirements would cost less than \$500,000 each year and total \$1 million over the 2015-2019 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 1104 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.

On December 10, 2013, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3509, the Assessing Progress in Haiti Act of 2013 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on November 20, 2013. The reporting requirements in the two bills are similar; however, S. 1104 also would require the State Department to develop a three-year strategy and brief the Congress and, thus, CBO's estimates of its costs are correspondingly higher.

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