



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1118
North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2017
*As reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
on December 11, 2017*

S. 1118 would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million each year over the 2018-2022 period for programs to improve access to information in North Korea, promote democracy and respect for human rights in that country, and provide humanitarian assistance to North Korean refugees. The bill also would require reports to the Congress on the implementation of those programs and related matters. Finally, the bill would repeal existing authorizations of appropriations that total \$10 million each year over the 2017-2021 period. Of that amount, \$2 million was authorized annually for that same period for a single report that is due in 2017. CBO expects that if any appropriations were provided after 2017 pursuant to that authorization, those amounts would not be needed for that report and would not be available for spending on other purposes.

As shown in the following table, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1118 would cost, on net, \$9 million over the 2018-2022 period, assuming appropriation actions consistent with the legislation. CBO estimates that the reporting requirements would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2018-2022 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2018- 2022
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
INCREASES OR DECREASES (-) IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Specified Authorizations						
Authorization Level	10	10	10	10	10	50
Estimated Outlays	2	6	8	9	9	34
Repeal of Existing Authorizations						
Authorization Level	-10	-10	-10	-10	0	-40
Estimated Outlays	-3	-6	-7	-7	-2	-25
Total Changes						
Authorization Level	0	0	0	0	10	10
Estimated Outlays	-1	0	1	2	7	9

Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 1118 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

S. 1118 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

On August 23, 2017, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2061, the North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2017, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on July 27, 2017. The two bills are similar and CBO's estimates of their budgetary effects are the same.

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