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COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 6328**

**A bill to develop a policy to address the critical needs of Iraqi refugees**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on July 16, 2008*

H.R. 6328 would establish a White House Coordinator for Iraqi Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons within the Executive Office of the President. The bill would require the President to appoint a coordinator who would report directly to him. The coordinator would identify and gather information pertaining to the needs of Iraqi refugees and displaced people within Iraq; coordinate and monitor U.S. humanitarian assistance; work with the Iraqi government, other countries in the region, and international organizations to address humanitarian needs; and report periodically to the Congress.

The Departments of State and Homeland Security already have senior coordinators for Iraqi refugee issues who perform many of the functions detailed in H.R. 6328. CBO expects that under the bill those coordinators would continue those duties, and the President would appoint an additional coordinator within the Executive Office of the President. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost less than \$500,000 a year over the 2009-2013 period, assuming availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 6328 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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