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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Joint Resolution 2 (Delegate Braveboy)  
Rules and Executive Nominations

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**Ongoing Conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

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This joint resolution (1) asserts that the time has come to break the cycle of violence and impunity in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the surrounding region and address the underlying root causes of this and previous crises and (2) calls on the governments of the region to immediately halt and prevent all forms of support to Congolese nonstate armed groups. It also recognizes the recent efforts to end the recruitment of children into the armed forces and acknowledges the work of the U.S. Special Advisor.

In addition, the joint resolution calls on President Obama and his administration to take specified actions to (1) prevent further deterioration of peace and stability; (2) end hostilities; and (3) address and prevent heinous crimes in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Moreover, it urges the Democratic Republic of the Congo to investigate and prosecute war criminals and to engage in reforms that will prevent militia combatants accused of abuses from integrating into the military.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The joint resolution does not materially affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## Analysis

**Background:** The preamble notes that since the 1990s, an estimated five million people have died and more than two million people have been displaced due to repeated cycles of conflict and atrocities committed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, particularly in North and South Kivu provinces.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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