Press Release

AAF Releases Paid Family Leave Analysis

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The American Action Forum (@AAF) today released an analysis of the American Enterprise Institute-Brookings Institution working group paid parental leave proposal. The AAF analysis finds that the paid family leave proposal would cost $11.1 billion in 2018 and $132.2 billion over ten years. The paid family leave proposal would mainly benefit middle- and high-income workers who frequently already receive paid leave from their employers, rather than low-income workers who lack virtually any paid leave benefits in the private sector. The analysis found that in 2018 only $1.7 billion, or 15.3 percent of the benefits, would go to households under 200 percent of the federal poverty threshold.

The analysis calls for an alternative approach that specifically targets low-income workers, which is more cost-effective and ensures that the workers who need it most are able to receive the benefit.

Click here to read the analysis.