



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 21, 2009

### **H.R. 1741**

### **Witness Security and Protection Grant Program Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on May 20, 2009*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 1741 would authorize the appropriation of \$30 million for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014 for the Department of Justice to make grants to state, local, and tribal governments for programs to protect witnesses in certain court proceedings. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$100 million over the 2010-2014 period, with an additional \$50 million spent after 2014. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending and revenues.

H.R. 1741 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1741 is shown in the following table. CBO assumes that the amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated by the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for similar activities. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2010-2014
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Authorization Level	30	30	30	30	30	150
Estimated Outlays	7	15	22	26	30	100

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 1741 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Assuming appropriation of authorized amounts, states would receive about \$100 million over the 2010-2014 period to provide protection or assistance to witnesses in court proceedings. Any costs to those governments would be incurred voluntarily as a condition of receiving assistance.

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