



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1883
Iran Nonproliferation Act of 1999

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations
on September 9, 1999*

H.R. 1883 would require the President to prepare biannual reports identifying any foreign country, corporation, or individual that has transferred sensitive nuclear, chemical, biological, or missile technology, goods, or services to Iran. The President would be required to impose sanctions against those responsible for the transfers or report the reasons for not doing so. In addition, the bill would make payments to Russian entities for certain goods or services related to the International Space Station contingent upon Presidential determinations that Russia is complying with the nonproliferation policies outlined in the bill.

H.R. 1883 would increase the number and complexity of reports required from the President. Based on information from the Administration, CBO estimates that preparing the reports would involve the work of 10 to 15 full-time personnel and would cost \$1 million to \$2 million per year, assuming the appropriation of the necessary funds. The determinations required by the bill could delay the timing of discretionary outlays by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) if additional funds are appropriated for payments to Russia for the Space Station, but CBO cannot project such future appropriations. NASA does not expect to make any additional payments to Russia from its fiscal year 1999 appropriations.

Section 4 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act excludes from the application of that act any legislative provisions that are necessary for the national security. CBO has determined that the provisions of H.R. 1883 either fall within that exclusion or do not contain any private-sector or intergovernmental mandates.

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