



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 24, 2013

H.R. 2922

A bill to extend the authority of the Supreme Court Police to protect court officials away from the Supreme Court grounds

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on September 11, 2013

H.R. 2922 would extend the authority of the U.S. Supreme Court Police to provide security beyond the Supreme Court buildings and grounds for justices, other court employees, and official guests through December 29, 2019. The current authority to provide such services expires on December 29, 2013. Based on information provided by the Supreme Court and the Department of Justice, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2922 would not have a significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting H.R. 2922 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

Under current law, the Supreme Court Police spend about \$15 million annually, and the U.S. Marshals Service would continue to provide protection for the Supreme Court justices, staff, and official guests off the Supreme Court grounds when the authorization for the Supreme Court Police expires. Consequently, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

H.R. 2922 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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