



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 11, 2002

H.R. 3429 **Over-the-Road Bus Security and Safety Act of 2001**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
on May 22, 2002*

SUMMARY

H.R. 3429 would authorize the Secretary of Transportation to provide grants to operators of over-the-road buses for improving the security of their buses and bus terminals. For these grants, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$600 million over the 2002-2004 period.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3429 would cost \$590 million over the 2002-2007 period, and an additional \$10 million in 2008. H.R. 3429 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 3429 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. 3429 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 400 (transportation). For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 3429 will be enacted in fiscal year 2002, and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each year. We assume funds authorized for 2002 will be provided in a supplemental appropriation for that year. Estimates of spending are based on information from the Federal Transit Administration and historical spending patterns of similar programs.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007

CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Authorization Level	200	200	200	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	1	89	140	180	120	60

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 3429 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On May 13, 2002, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1739, a bill to authorize grants to improve security on over-the-road buses, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on April 18, 2002. S. 1739 is very similar to H.R. 3429; however, the Senate bill would authorize the appropriation of \$400 million over the 2003-2004 period, and the House bill would authorize the appropriation of \$600 million over that period. The estimated costs reflect this difference.

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