



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

October 1, 2004

**H.R. 2984**

**A bill to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to remove the requirement that processors be members of an agency administering a marketing order applicable to pears**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Agriculture on September 23, 2004*

H.R. 2984 would amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act to change the authorities of entities administering federal marketing orders for pears. The bill would remove the requirement that processors of pears participate in the administration of federal pear marketing orders.

Enacting H.R. 2984 would not affect the federal budget because the Office of Management and Budget considers the collection and spending of monetary assessments under Department of Agriculture marketing orders to be private transactions and does not account for such transactions in the federal budget.

H.R. 2984 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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