



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3508

2005 District of Columbia Omnibus Authorization Act

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Government Reform
on September 15, 2005*

H.R. 3508 would amend federal laws applicable to the District of Columbia (D.C.). Most of the provisions would affect operations of the D.C. government, including authorizing the use of local funds for emergency spending, permanently authorizing the District's Chief Financial Officer, requiring fiscal impact statements for all legislation passed by the D.C. Council, and allowing the District to enter into compacts with other states regarding insurance regulations. CBO estimates that implementing those provisions would have no impact on the federal budget.

H.R. 3508 would also authorize lifting the cap on the pay-for-performance system for senior-level employees of D.C. Courts, allow for the use of volunteers and the receipt of gifts by the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA), authorize D.C. Public Defender Services to charge fees for conference materials, and allow spending of fines for alcohol-related traffic violations. Under the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, the budget of the D.C. Courts system is funded by federal appropriations, and its expenditures are recorded on the federal budget. Based on information from the D.C. Courts, CSOSA, and D.C. Defender Services, CBO estimates that those provisions would not have a significant effect on spending subject to appropriation, direct spending, or revenues.

Because most provisions of H.R. 3508 would codify current law and practice, the bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on the District of Columbia.

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