



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1104

**An act to increase the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators
and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States
as special immigrants**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on May 17, 2007

Current law allows certain nationals of Iraq or Afghanistan who have worked with the U.S. Armed Forces as translators to apply for permanent U.S. residence as special immigrants. This opportunity is limited to 50 individuals, plus their families, during any fiscal year.

S. 1104 would increase the current limit to 500 translators or interpreters, plus their families, for each of fiscal years 2007 and 2008. Enacting this legislation could affect direct spending and revenues by the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of State, and certain federal assistance programs. Because so few special visas would be provided, however, CBO estimates that S. 1104 would have no significant budgetary impact.

S. 1104 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no significant costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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