



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

June 30, 1998

H.R. 4078

Women's Small Business Expansion Act of 1998

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Small Business on June 25, 1998

H.R. 4078 would increase the authorization of appropriations for the Women's Business Center Program from \$8 million to \$9 million for each fiscal year beginning in 1998. Women's Business Centers train and counsel women in the skills necessary to launch their own businesses. Assuming both enactment of H.R. 4078 and appropriation of the authorized amounts by October 1, 1998, CBO estimates that H.R. 4078 would increase annual costs by \$1 million a year, relative to the currently authorized level. According to the Small Business Administration, the Women's Business Center Program will receive \$4 million in 1998 from amounts appropriated for this year.

H.R. 4078 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you go procedures would not apply. The bill 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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