



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 702**  
**State Court Interpreter Grant Program Act**  
*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on April 24, 2008*

**SUMMARY**

S. 702 would authorize the appropriation of \$15 million for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2012 for the Department of Justice to make grants to state courts for programs to assist persons with limited English proficiency. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$47 million over the 2009-2013 period. Enacting S. 702 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 702 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 S. 702 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted near the end of fiscal year 2008. We assume that the amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated by the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for similar activities. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Authorization Level	15	15	15	15	0
Estimated Outlays	3	8	11	13	12

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 702 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Assuming appropriation of authorized amounts, states would benefit from almost \$50 million over the 2009-2013 period for interpreter services in courts.

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