



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

November 14, 1997

**H.R. 1787
Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997**

As cleared by the Congress on November 8, 1997

H.R. 1787 would establish a new fund to support the conservation of Asian elephants. The act would direct the Secretary of the Interior to use amounts in the new fund to finance eligible conservation efforts, which may include specific projects such as research and education as well as ongoing activities such as law enforcement.

In addition to authorizing appropriations to the fund of \$5 million for each of fiscal years 1998 through 2002, this legislation also would authorize the Secretary to accept and use donated funds without further appropriation. Because H.R. 1787 could affect both receipts (donations) and direct spending (of donated amounts), pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. Any such transactions, however, would involve minor, offsetting amounts.

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