



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3824

A bill amending the Fastener Quality Act to exempt from its coverage certain fasteners approved by the Federal Aviation Administration for use in aircraft

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science on May 13, 1998

H.R. 3824 would amend existing law regarding the regulation of fasteners. The bill would direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to submit a report to the Congress by February 1, 1999, on trends in manufacturing fasteners and on legislative changes that may be needed to reflect current conditions. Implementation of NIST's regulations on fasteners would be delayed until June 1, 1999, or 120 days after submission of the report, whichever is later. Under this bill, fasteners made for aircraft would be exempt from those regulations if the suitability and quality of the fasteners have been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Based on information provided by the agency, CBO estimates that NIST would spend about \$100,000 in 1999 to complete the study required by the bill, assuming appropriation of the necessary funds. Because H.R. 3824 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 3824 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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