



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

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**H.R. 209
Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 1999**

As cleared by the Congress on October 17, 2000

H.R. 209 would amend existing law regarding the licensing of technologies developed with federal resources. This act would change the terms and procedures governing such licenses and would expand the scope of inventions that could be included in a license. Royalties collected by federal agencies would be available for obligation for two years after they are received rather than for the one year allowed under current law.

Provisions affecting the collection and spending of royalties by federal agencies would affect direct spending, but CBO estimates that the effects would not be significant. Although receipts from royalties could increase if more licenses are issued as a result of this legislation, any additional collections would be offset by an increase in direct spending by agencies for payments to inventors or for related agency programs. Likewise, giving agencies an additional year to obligate royalty income would have little effect on direct spending, because agencies obligate virtually all of the receipts within the one-year limit specified in current law.

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