



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 2121
Secret Evidence Repeal Act of 2000**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on September 26, 2000

H.R. 2121 would prohibit the use of classified evidence against aliens in immigration proceedings. Because there are only about 10 proceedings involving such evidence in any year, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would have no significant impact on federal spending. H.R. 2121 would not affect direct spending or receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

Section 4 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act excludes from the application of that act legislative provisions that enforce constitutional rights of individuals. CBO has determined that the provisions of H.R. 2121 deal with the due process rights of aliens in immigration proceedings and thus would fall within that exclusion.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.