CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3822
Oil Price Reduction Act of 2000

As ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations on March 15, 2000

H.R. 3822 would require the President to report to the Congress on the economic and security relationships between the United States and major oil exporting countries (including members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) and whether those countries have engaged in price fixing that has harmed the U.S. economy. The bill would authorize the President to reduce, suspend, or terminate foreign assistance to any country that engages in price fixing that has harmed the U.S. economy and would require him to make diplomatic efforts to end the price fixing.

CBO estimates that H.R. 3822 would have insignificant costs resulting from the reporting requirements and possible increase in diplomatic activity. The authorization to terminate, suspend, or reduce U.S. foreign assistance to specific countries would have no budgetary impact because the President has that authority under current law. Because H.R. 3822 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 3822 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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