



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

March 21, 2002

H.R. 2739

An act to amend Public Law 107-10 to authorize a United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2002 in Geneva, Switzerland, and for other purposes

As passed by the Senate on March 19, 2002

H.R. 2739 would amend Public Law 107-10, an act concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization, to authorize the Secretary of State to initiate a plan to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the World Health Assembly to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, in May 2002. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2739 would result in no significant additional costs to the federal government because initiation of the plan would not add significantly to the State Department's workload. Because the act would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 2739 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.

On November 30, 2001, CBO transmitted an estimate for H.R. 2739, as ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations on November 28, 2001. The two cost estimates are identical.

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