



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

November 7, 2001

### **H.R. 2998** **Radio Free Afghanistan Act of 2001**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations  
on November 1, 2001*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 2998 would authorize the Broadcasting Board of Governors to make grants for radio broadcasting to the people of Afghanistan in their local languages. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$19.5 million in 2002 and \$8 million in 2003 to fund the broadcasting. Assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$25 million over the 2002-2006 period. Because H.R. 2998 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 2998 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2998 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 150 (international affairs). The estimate assumes the appropriation of the authorized amounts. We assume that Radio Free Afghanistan will experience some delays in starting operations in 2002, and as a result, would not be able to use all of the 2002 funding. We assume that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for other broadcasting operations by 2003.

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Spending by Broadcasting Board of Governors					
Authorization Level	20	8	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	6	14	4	1	0

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**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 2998 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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