



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1356

Wartime Treatment Study Act

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on March 14, 2002

S. 1356 would establish the Commission on Wartime Treatment of European Americans and the Commission on Wartime Treatment of Jewish Refugees, each to be composed of seven members appointed by the President and the Congress. The first would review and analyze the U.S. government's treatment of European Americans and European Latin Americans during World War II. The second would review the U.S. government's refusal to allow Jewish and other refugees fleeing persecution in Europe entry to the United States from 1933 through 1945. The commissions would have to prepare final reports within 18 months of their formation. S. 1356 would authorize the appropriation of \$500,000 for each commission to carry out its duties.

Assuming the commissions would take most of the 18 months granted to prepare the reports, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1356 would cost about \$1 million over the 2002-2004 period, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 1356 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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