



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 1779**

**Radio Free Afghanistan Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
on December 12, 2001*

**SUMMARY**

S. 1779 would authorize the Broadcasting Board of Governors to make a grant for radio broadcasting to the people of Afghanistan in their local languages. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$17 million in 2002 to fund the broadcasting. Assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$15 million over the 2002-2006 period. Because S. 1779 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 1779 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 S. 1779 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 150 (international affairs). The estimate assumes the enactment of this bill and appropriation of the authorized amounts before the end of calendar year 2001. We assume that Radio Free Afghanistan will experience some delays in starting operations, and as a result, would not be able to use all of the 2002 funding.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Spending for Broadcasting Board of Governors					
Authorization Level	17	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	6	6	3	0	0

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

### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 1779 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

### **PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE**

On November 7, 2001, CBO transmitted an estimate for H.R. 2998, the Radio Free Afghanistan Act of 2001, as ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations on November 1, 2001. The differences between the two estimates reflect the different amounts authorized by the two bills.

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