

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 8, 2002

S. 2713 Judicial Improvements Act of 2002

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on July 31, 2002

S. 2713 would establish a new chapter in the federal judicial code regarding complaints against judges and disciplinary procedures. Based on information from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would have no impact on the budget of the courts because similar procedures are followed under current law. Enacting S. 2713 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 2713 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On May 7, 2002, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3892, the Judicial Improvements Act of 2002, as ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on April 24, 2002. The two bills are similar and our cost estimates are identical.

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