



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 1404**

**United States Olympic Committee Reform Act**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
on July 28, 2003*

S. 1404 would amend the federal law incorporating the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). The bill would detail the organizational structure of the USOC and would establish an ethics committee within the organization. CBO estimates that implementing S. 1404 would have no effect on federal spending.

S. 1404 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. S.1404 would impose several private-sector mandates, as defined by UMRA, on the USOC. Based on information from the USOC, CBO estimates that the direct cost of those mandates would fall well below the annual threshold established by UMRA (\$117 million in 2003, adjusted annually for inflation).

S. 1404 would impose private-sector mandates on the USOC, by requiring the organization to restructure its board of directors, create an advisory assembly of amateur athletes and other stakeholders, hire chief executive and internal ethics officers, and provide whistleblower procedures and protections. In addition, the bill would require the USOC to provide a detailed report of its operations every two years to the President and the Congress, and to establish an ethics policy that includes publishing in advance transparent and objective criteria to be used in selecting a United States city to bid for Olympic games.

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