



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 858

**A bill to extend the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, and
for other purposes**

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on May 22, 2003

S. 858 would extend the authorization for the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, which was established to study and recommend activities commemorating the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln in 2009. Under current law, the commission will terminate four months after it completes its final report, which is due near the end of fiscal year 2005. This bill would postpone the deadline for the final report until April 30, 2010, require the submission of an interim report by June 2004, and authorize the commission to conduct related activities.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that the five-year extension authorized by S. 858 would cost about \$1 million over the 2004-2008 period and a total of \$2 million through 2010. Based on information from the commission, CBO estimates that costs will average about \$500,000 annually, which is consistent with the amount appropriated for those activities in 2003. Enacting S. 858 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

The bill 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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