



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

November 29, 2005

H.R. 3729

Federal Judiciary Emergency Tolling Act of 2005

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on November 9, 2005

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3729 would have no significant impact on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues. H.R. 3729 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.

Enacting H.R. 3729 would provide chief judges of federal courts the authority to delay time deadlines and proceedings of certain criminal and civil cases, including bankruptcy proceedings, in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency. CBO cannot predict when or how often such situations may arise that would close the courts or make it difficult for litigants to comply with court rules and deadlines. Based on information from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, however, the cost of issuing such orders would be negligible.

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