



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

December 28, 2005

### **H.R. 972** **Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005**

*As cleared by the Congress on December 22, 2005*

H.R. 972 contains a provision that would establish a new federal crime for trafficking in persons committed by individuals employed by the federal government or accompanying federal employees when outside of the United States. Thus, the government could pursue new cases related to trafficking. Because those prosecuted and convicted under H.R. 972 could be subject to criminal fines, the federal government might collect additional fines. Collections of such fines are recorded in the budget as revenues, which are deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and later spent. CBO expects that any additional revenues and direct spending would not be significant.

Persons prosecuted and convicted under the bill also could be subject to the seizure of certain assets by the federal government. Proceeds from the sale of such assets would be deposited into the Assets Forfeiture Fund and spent from that fund, mostly in the same year. Thus, H.R. 972 could increase both revenues deposited into the fund and direct spending from the fund. However, CBO estimates that any increased revenues or spending would be negligible.

On October 19, 2005, CBO transmitted an estimate for H.R. 972, the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005, as ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations on October 7, 2005. On December 8, 2005, CBO transmitted an estimate of the same bill, as ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary, on December 8, 2005. The language in all three versions is similar, and the estimated effects on direct spending are the same in all three estimates.

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