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H.R. 3007

**Commission on the Advancement of Women in Science, Engineering,
and Technology Development Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science on May 13, 1998

H.R. 3007 would establish an 11-member commission to study the barriers that face women in the fields of science, engineering, and technology. The bill would direct the commission to evaluate the current status of women in these fields and examine both successful and unsuccessful programs that encourage women to pursue such careers. The commission would have the authority to conduct hearings and to contract with various private or government agencies or individuals to collect information. The bill would direct the commission to hire a director and appoint additional personnel and would require it to submit a report within one year after its members are appointed.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3007 would cost approximately \$1 million over the 1999-2000 period. Based on information provided by the National Science Foundation and other commissions, CBO assumes that the commission would hire a small staff and seek assistance from outside consultants to compile and analyze the information. Because the report would have to be completed within one year, we also expect that the commission would rely heavily upon available information.

H.R. 3007 would authorize the commission to accept and use gifts and donations. Donations of money are recorded in the budget as governmental receipts (revenues) and the use of any such amounts under this bill would be direct spending. Because H.R. 3007 could affect receipts and direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. CBO expects that any such effects would be negligible.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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