



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

November 30, 1999

**S. 1114**

**Small Mine Advocacy Review Panel Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
on November 3, 1999*

CBO estimates that implementing S. 1114 would cost about \$1 million per year during the 2001-2004 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. 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.

Under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA), before publishing regulations, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) must convene panels to analyze the potential impact of those regulations on small businesses. Panels consist of employees of the agency proposing the regulation, the Small Business Administration (SBA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Panels collect advice from representatives of the small businesses that would be affected and submit a report to the agency proposing the regulation.

S. 1114 would amend SBREFA to require the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) to follow the same procedures for convening small business advisory panels as EPA and OSHA before issuing regulations. Based on the number of regulations issued by MSHA in recent years, CBO assumes the bill would apply to about six proposed regulations each year. Based on the experience of EPA and OSHA, and assuming enactment by October 1, 2000, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1114 would cost MSHA about \$1 million in fiscal year 2001 and each subsequent year. In addition, CBO estimates that participating in additional panel reviews with MSHA would cost OMB and SBA less than \$500,000 a year.

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