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COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1354

Wartime Treatment Study Act

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on November 17, 2005

S. 1354 would establish two commissions, the Commission on Wartime Treatment of European Americans and the Commission on Wartime Treatment of Jewish Refugees. The first commission would review the conduct of the United States government during World War II towards European Americans and European Latin Americans. The second commission would focus on the government's treatment of Jewish refugees during World War II.

Each commission, consisting of seven members, would have 18 months to report on its findings and recommendations. Members would serve without pay, but would be reimbursed for travel expenses. In addition, the commissions could hire staff or use personnel from other agencies. Each commission would terminate 60 days after submitting its final report. To fund the costs of the commissions, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$1 million (\$500,000 per commission).

Assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1354 would cost \$1 million over the 2006-2008 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues. The legislation does not authorize any payment of restitution; such authority would require a separate act of Congress.

S.1354 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.

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