



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

July 21, 1998

S. 1397

Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs on July 15, 1998

SUMMARY

S. 1397 would establish a Centennial of Flight Commission and a First Flight Centennial Federal Advisory Board to plan activities observing the 100th anniversary of powered flight on December 17, 2003. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$2 million a year through fiscal year 2004 for implementing the bill.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that enacting S. 1397 would increase discretionary outlays by about \$1 million in fiscal year 1999 and about \$9 million over the 1999-2003 period. Enacting the bill could affect direct spending and governmental receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would apply, but CBO estimates that any such effects would be insignificant.

S. 1397 contains no intergovernmental or private sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1397 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 400 (transportation).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	2	2	2	2	2
Estimated Outlays	1	2	2	2	2

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For the purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 1397 will be enacted by October 1, 1998, and that the authorized amount will be appropriated for each year. The proposed commission would be composed of six members that would, in coordination with other federal agencies, plan programs and activities for the 100th anniversary of powered flight. The commission's executive director and staff would receive compensation. The commission would be required to complete an annual report, and the General Accounting Office (GAO) would be required to audit the financial transactions of the commission annually and submit a report no later than September 30, 2004.

Spending Subject to Appropriation

S. 1397 would authorize annual appropriations of \$2 million for required activities of the commission, the advisory board, and GAO. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would increase discretionary outlays by about \$1 million in fiscal year 1999 and by about \$9 million over the 1999-2003 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

Direct Spending and Revenues

S. 1397 would authorize the commission to license the name "Centennial of Flight Commission" and to spend any funds received from licensing royalties. The bill also would authorize the commission to accept donations of money, personal services, and historic materials. Cash donations collected under this authority would be recorded as governmental receipts (revenues), and their expenditure would constitute direct spending. CBO estimates that any licensing royalties and donations would total less than \$500,000 each year.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS

Section 252 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act sets up pay-as-you-go procedures for legislation affecting direct spending or receipts. S. 1397 could affect both direct spending and receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. CBO estimates, however, that any changes in receipts from donations or licensing royalties to the commission and consequent changes in direct spending would both total less than \$500,000 each year.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1397 contains no intergovernmental or private sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On July 17, 1998, CBO prepared a cost estimate for H.R. 4057, the Airport Improvement Reauthorization Act of 1998, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on June 25, 1998. S. 1397 is similar to Title VII of H.R. 4057, but H.R. 4057 would authorize appropriations of \$250,000 a year instead of \$2 million a year.

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