



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

March 9, 2000

**H.R. 1443
Traffic Stops Statistics Study Act of 1999**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on March 1, 2000

CBO estimates that enacting this legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 1443 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

H.R. 1443 would require the Attorney General to conduct a nationwide study of stops of vehicles made by law enforcement officers for traffic violations. Under the bill's provisions, the Attorney General would collect and analyze data from a sample of law enforcement agencies and submit two reports to the Congress within two years of the bill's enactment. The Attorney General would be authorized to provide grants to states to provide data for this study; however, the agency anticipates cooperating with law enforcement agencies that already collect data required for this study. Consequently, we estimate the cost of state and local grants that could be provided under this bill would be minimal. Based on information from the Department of Justice, we estimate that implementing this legislation would cost less than \$500,000 annually over the next two years, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.

H.R. 1443 would only have an impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments if those governments accept grant funds and choose to provide information to the Attorney General in connection with this study. In any event, the costs of providing this information are not likely to be significant.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Mark Grabowicz (for federal costs), and Theresa Gullo (for the state and local impact). This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.