



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 15, 2003

H.R. 1813 **Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2003**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
on September 10, 2003*

SUMMARY

H.R. 1813 would authorize the appropriation of \$37 million in 2004, \$44 million in 2005, and \$51 million in 2006 for programs to provide assistance for the treatment of victims of torture. The bill would authorize funding for the Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Agency for International Development for domestic and international centers and programs for the treatment of victims of torture. The bill also would authorize a contribution to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1813 would cost \$117 million over the 2004-2008 period, assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

H.R. 1813 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1813 is shown in the following table. The estimate assumes the bill will be enacted late in fiscal year 2003; that the amounts authorized for 2004, 2005, and 2006 will be appropriated near the start of each fiscal year; and that spending will follow historical patterns. The costs of this legislation fall within budget functions 150 (international affairs) and 600 (income security).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law for Victims of Torture Relief						
Budget Authority ^a	23	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	22	15	7	4	2	2
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	37	44	51	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	13	27	38	26	13
Spending Under H.R. 1813 for Victims of Torture Relief						
Authorization Level ^a	23	37	44	51	0	0
Estimated Outlays	22	28	34	42	28	15

a. The 2003 level is the amount appropriated for that year.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

Section 2 would authorize appropriations of \$20 million in 2004, \$25 million in 2005, and \$30 million in 2006 for the Department of Health and Human Services to assist in the rehabilitation of victims of torture. These funds would support a variety of assistance programs for torture victims, including physical and psychological rehabilitation services and legal aid.

Section 3 would authorize appropriations of \$11 million in 2004, \$12 million in 2005, and \$13 million in 2006 for international programs for assistance for the rehabilitation of individual victims of torture and for professionals and organizations that provide treatment services to victims of torture, their families, and their communities.

Section 4 would authorize appropriations of \$6 million in 2004, \$7 million in 2005, and \$8 million in 2006 for a contribution to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1813 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On August 7, 2003, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1813, the Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2003, as ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations on July 23, 2003. The two versions of the bill and their estimated costs are identical.

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