



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

December 19, 2001

H.R. 1840

An act to extend eligibility for refugee status of unmarried sons and daughters of certain Vietnamese refugees

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on December 13, 2001

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1840 would result in no significant cost to the federal government. The act could affect direct spending, so pay-as-you-go procedures would apply, but we estimate that any such effects would be insignificant. H.R. 1840 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no significant costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

Until September 30, 2001, unmarried adult children of certain Vietnamese nationals were eligible for admission to the United States as refugees of special humanitarian concern. H.R. 1840 would renew their eligibility through the end of fiscal year 2003. Enacting the legislation would lead to an increase in refugee admissions, which would increase administrative costs to the Immigration and Naturalization Service and increase spending for certain benefit programs. However, CBO expects the act would aid no more than 1,000 persons annually, so any increases in direct spending would not be significant.

On October 12, 2001, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1840 as ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on October 10, 2001. The two versions of the legislation are identical, as are the cost estimates.

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