



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 2092**

**A bill to address the participation of Taiwan  
in the World Health Organization**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on April 29, 2004*

S. 2092 would require the Secretary of State to initiate a plan to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the World Health Assembly to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, each year. The bill would require the Secretary to submit a written report within 30 days of enactment and no later than April 1 of each subsequent year on what the Secretary has done and what the Secretary will do to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the World Health Assembly. CBO estimates that enacting S. 2092 would result in no significant additional costs to the federal government because neither the plan nor the reports would add significantly to the State Department's workload. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

S. 2092 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On April 5, 2004, CBO transmitted an estimate for H.R. 4019, a bill to address the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization, as ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations on March 31, 2004. The two bills are similar and the estimates are identical.

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