



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2195

**A bill to provide for certain measures to increase monitoring
of products that are made with forced labor**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Ways and Means on October 1, 1997

SUMMARY

H.R. 2195 would authorize the appropriation of \$2 million for fiscal year 1999 for the United States Customs Service to monitor the importation of products made with forced labor. The bill also would require the Customs Service to prepare a report on products made with forced labor that are destined for the U.S. market.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amount, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2195 would result in additional discretionary spending of \$2 million over fiscal years 1999 and 2000. This legislation would not affect direct spending and receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) and would impose no costs on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

For the purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the amount authorized in H.R. 2195 would be appropriated by the start of fiscal year 1999 and that estimated outlays would follow the historical spending pattern for the authorized activities. We estimate that completing the report required by the bill would have no significant cost. The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2195 is shown in the following table.

By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars

1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
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SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Authorization Level	--	2.0	--	--	--
Estimated Outlays	--	1.8	0.2	--	--

The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2195 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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