



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 998  
Civil Rights History Project Act of 2008**

*As ordered reported by the Committee on House Administration on July 30, 2008*

H.R. 998 would direct the Librarian of Congress and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution to establish an oral history project to survey, solicit, reproduce, and collect audio and video recordings of participants in the Civil Rights movement. The bill would permit the Librarian and Secretary to solicit and accept donations of funds and in-kind contributions to support those activities. In addition, H.R. 998 would authorize the appropriation of \$500,000 for fiscal year 2009 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2010 through 2013.

Based on information from the two agencies, and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 998 would cost \$4 million over the 2009-2013 period.

Because H.R. 998 would allow the Librarian and Secretary to accept and spend donations for projects, enacting H.R. 998 could affect direct spending and receipts, but the spending and the receipts would offset each other. Thus, CBO estimates that provision would not have a significant net effect on the federal budget.

H.R. 998 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.

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