



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 3489

A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on September 17, 2008*

S. 3489 would require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to conduct a study that identifies the major sources of black carbon emissions in the United States, their contributions to global warming, and the most effective technologies for removing or reducing such emissions. EPA would be required to submit the results of the study to the Congress not later than 180 days from the bill's enactment. Based on information from EPA, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost about \$2 million over the 2009-2010 period, assuming availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 3489 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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