



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 608

A bill to authorize the enforcement by state and local governments of certain Federal Communications Commission regulations regarding use of citizens band radio equipment

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on November 4, 1997

CBO estimates that S. 608 would not have any significant impact on the federal budget. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. In addition, S. 608 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 608 would allow state and local governments to enforce certain Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations regarding the use of citizen band (CB) radio equipment. The bill would require the FCC to provide technical assistance on how to detect unauthorized CB use to state and local governments and would set up an appeals process for CB operators who claim that local law enforcement officials acted outside of the authority provided by this bill. If S. 608 were enacted, the FCC expects that the commission would handle only a few appeals by CB operators each year and that one FCC employee could provide the technical assistance to state and local governments. Thus, CBO estimates that the costs to the FCC for complying with the bill's requirements would not be significant.

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