



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1139 **COPS Improvements Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary
on March 25, 2009*

SUMMARY

H.R. 1139 would make many changes to the laws governing the distribution and permitted uses of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grants and would authorize the appropriation of \$1.8 billion annually over the 2009-2014 period for this program. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1139 would cost \$5.4 billion over the 2010-2014 period, with an additional \$3.6 billion spent after 2014. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1139 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1139 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the authorized amounts will be appropriated by the beginning of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical spending rates for these activities. We also assume that there will be no additional appropriations enacted for fiscal year 2009 for the COPS program. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars						2009-
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2014
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION							
Spending Under Current Law							
Budget Authority ^a	1,656	0	0	0	0	0	1,656
Estimated Outlays	455	691	543	368	267	0	2,324
Proposed Changes							
Authorization Level	0	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	9,000
Estimated Outlays	0	216	720	1,170	1,530	1,800	5,436
Estimated Spending Under H.R. 1139							
Budget Authority/Authorization Level	1,656	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	10,656
Estimated Outlays	455	907	1,263	1,538	1,797	1,800	7,760

a. The 2009 level is the amount appropriated for that year for the COPS program.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1139 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. It would alter a program available to those governments for buying equipment, using law enforcement technology, and hiring more police officers. It also would authorize funding for fiscal years 2010 through 2014. Assuming the appropriation of authorized amounts, those governments would receive about \$5.4 billion over the 2010-2014 period. Any costs to those governments would be incurred voluntarily as a condition of receiving federal assistance.

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