



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 28, 2005

S. 1738 **Special Inspector General for Relief** **and Reconstruction Act of 2005**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs on September 27, 2005*

S. 1738 would amend current law to expand the responsibilities of the Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction. Under this legislation, that office would be redesignated as the Office of the Special Inspector General for Relief and Reconstruction and would be directed to conduct an audit of the funding for the relief and rebuilding efforts related to Hurricane Katrina. For activities related to Iraq, the inspector general would report to the Departments of State and Defense. For recovery activities related to Hurricane Katrina, the inspector general would report to the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Homeland Security. The authority for work by the inspector general in the gulf coast region would expire two years after enactment.

The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$80 million in 2006. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts and based on spending patterns for similar programs, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1738 would cost \$60 million in 2006 and \$80 million over the 2006-2010 period. Enacting S. 1738 would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.

S. 1738 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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