



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 368

COPS Improvements Act of 2007

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on March 15, 2007

SUMMARY

S. 368 would make many changes to the laws relating to the distribution and permitted uses of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grants and would increase the authorization level for this program from \$1.047 billion annually to \$1.15 billion annually through fiscal year 2009. CBO estimates that implementing S. 368 would cost \$190 million over the 2007-2012 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

S. 368 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 S. 368 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 2007 for the COPS program. The cost of this legislation falls within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority/Authorization Level ^a	542	1,047	1,047	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	749	644	717	721	553	366
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	103	103	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	12	41	55	46	36
Spending Under S. 368						
Budget Authority/Authorization Level	542	1,150	1,150	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	749	656	758	776	599	402

a. The 2007 level is the amount appropriated for that year for COPS grants. The levels shown for 2008 and 2009 are the amounts authorized by current law.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 368 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. It would make several changes to a program for those governments to buy equipment, use law enforcement technology, and hire more police officers. It would also increase the authorization level for fiscal years 2008 and 2009. Assuming the appropriation of authorized amounts, those governments would receive additional funding of nearly \$200 million over the 2008-2012 period. Any costs to those governments would be incurred voluntarily as a condition of receiving federal assistance.

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