



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**S. 2058**  
**Metropolitan Weather Hazards Protection Act of 2015**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,  
and Transportation on December 9, 2015*

S. 2058 would require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to complete a study that would identify areas without Next Generation Weather Radar (NEXRAD). The study also would determine how NEXRAD could improve weather forecasts in those areas and would assess the feasibility of expanding radar capabilities in those areas. Finally, the bill would require NOAA to develop a peer-reviewed plan to improve radar coverage in underserved areas.

Based on information provided by NOAA, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2058 would cost less than \$500,000; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

S. 2058 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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