



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 1288
Emergency Management Assistance Compact Grant
Reauthorization Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs on July 29, 2009*

SUMMARY

S. 1288 would authorize the appropriation of \$4 million a year over the 2010-2012 period for grants to administer and coordinate activities under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). This compact enables member states to provide assistance to each other during disasters and specifies the general structure for such assistance. Based on historical expenditure patterns and assuming appropriation of the specified amounts, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost \$12 million over the next five years. Enacting S. 1288 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1288 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. 1288 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 450 (community and regional development).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2010-2014
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	4	4	4	0	0	12
Estimated Outlays	3	4	4	1	0	12

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

EMAC was ratified by the Congress in 1996 (Public Law 104-321) as an interstate mutual-aid agreement that enables member states to share resources during a declared disaster. Each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are currently EMAC members and may provide or receive assistance through the compact. Any state or territory receiving assistance under EMAC may still request additional resources from the federal government. In addition to providing a means of sharing resources during a disaster, the compact allows for interstate coordination of emergency-related exercises and training.

S. 1288 would authorize appropriations totalling \$12 million over the 2010-2012 period for grants to help administer and coordinate activities under EMAC. EMAC is currently administered by the National Emergency Management Association, a private association representing state emergency management directors. Based on historical expenditure patterns, CBO estimates that providing those grants would cost \$12 million over the 2010-2014 period, assuming appropriation of the specified amounts.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1288 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. State governments benefit from the EMAC program, and any costs those governments incur to participate in the program would result from conditions of federal assistance.

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