



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 2346**

**A bill to authorize the enforcement by state and local governments of certain Federal Communications Commission regulations regarding use of citizens band radio equipment**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Commerce on September 14, 2000*

H.R. 2346 would allow state and local governments to enforce certain Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations regarding the use of citizens band (CB) radio equipment. The bill also would require the FCC to provide technical assistance to state and local governments on how to detect unauthorized CB use. In addition, H.R. 2346 would establish an appeals process for CB operators who claim that local law enforcement officials acted outside of the authority provided by this bill.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2346 would not have a significant impact on the federal budget. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 2346 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. Although the bill would expand state and local government authority to enforce certain FCC regulations, the establishment of such enforcement mechanisms is entirely voluntary. Any benefits or costs associated with enforcement also would be voluntary.

CBO estimates that the cost to the FCC of implementing H.R. 2346 would be less than \$200,000, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Based on information from the FCC, we expect that providing technical assistance to state and local governments would have a minor impact on the agency's workload, and that the FCC would receive few appeals from CB operators each year.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Ken Johnson. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.