



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 815

Southern Nevada Readiness Center Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on January 30, 2008*

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 815 would not significantly affect the federal budget. Under the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) conveyed certain federal land to Clark County, Nevada. That act specifies that, if the county ever conveys the land, it must charge fair market value and give a portion of the proceeds to BLM. The agency could use such proceeds, without further appropriation, to acquire environmentally sensitive property and complete certain projects in Nevada.

H.R. 815 would authorize Clark County to convey to the state of Nevada, for no consideration, about 51 acres of land originally conveyed to the county under SNPLMA. The state would likely establish a National Guard facility on any land it receives under the legislation. Based on information from BLM, CBO expects that the county would not sell the affected land under current law; therefore, we estimate it would generate no significant receipts (or subsequent direct spending) over the next 10 years. We also estimate that H.R. 815 would not affect federal costs for land management, which are subject to appropriation.

H.R. 815 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting this legislation would benefit the state of Nevada and Clark County.

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