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COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2248

A bill to allow for waiver and indemnification in mutual law enforcement agreements between the National Park Service and a state or political subdivision, when required by state law

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on September 25, 1998*

S. 2248 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to waive all claims against state or local governments that enter into mutual law enforcement agreements with the National Park Service (NPS). Subject to the availability of appropriated funds, the NPS also would be authorized to indemnify these governments against third-party claims that may arise from actions taken by state or local police when assisting the NPS.

According to information provided by the NPS, the agency has, since the early 1990s, executed agreements that contain mutual waivers and indemnification clauses with local law enforcement agencies in at least two states, Virginia and Maryland. Because S. 2248 would codify a practice that has already been in use by the NPS for several years, CBO expects that enacting S. 2248 would have no effect on the federal budget.

S. 2248 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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