



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 29, 1999

### **S. 1248**

#### **A bill to correct errors in the authorizations of certain programs administered by the National Highway Traffic Administration**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on June 23, 1999*

#### **SUMMARY**

S. 1248 would increase the authorization of appropriations for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA's) motor vehicle safety and information programs from a total of about \$87 million to about \$108 million for each of fiscal years 2000 and 2001. These two programs were authorized at the current levels of \$81 million and \$6 million, respectively, in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (Public Law 105-178).

Assuming appropriation of authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1248 would result in additional discretionary spending of about \$40 million over the 2000-2004 period, relative to the amounts authorized under current law. S. 1248 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 (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1248 is shown in the following table. For the purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 1248 will be enacted by the end of fiscal year 1999 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for the two affected programs. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 400 (transportation).

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004

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**SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION**

Spending Under Current Law						
Authorization Level <sup>a</sup>	87	87	87	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	82	89	90	37	13	4
 Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	20	20	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	12	17	7	3	1
 Spending Under S. 1248						
Authorization Level	87	108	108	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	82	101	107	44	16	5

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a. The 1999 level is the amount appropriated for that year for NHTSA's motor vehicle safety and information programs. Public Law 105-178 authorized the same amount for 2000 and 2001.

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**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 1248 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

**PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE**

On June 24, 1999, CBO prepared a cost estimate for H.R. 2035, an identical bill ordered reported by the House Committee on Commerce on June 10, 1999. The two cost estimates are identical.

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