



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**S. 2382**

**FEMA Accountability Act of 2008**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs on June 25, 2008*

CBO estimates that implementing S. 2382 would have no significant net cost over the next 10 years. Enacting this legislation would not have a significant impact on net direct spending and would not affect revenues.

S. 2382 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 2382 would direct the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to develop and implement a plan to dispose of temporary housing units (for example, mobile homes and travel trailers) that are in excess of current and future needs or are determined to be unusable. CBO estimates that developing such a plan would cost less than \$500,000 in 2009, assuming the availability of appropriated funds.

Under current law, FEMA disposes of temporary housing units that the agency determines are in excess of its needs through the General Services Administration. Units are first offered for sale to current occupants. Thereafter, units may be sold to the general public or donated to state and local governments for the purposes of providing temporary housing to victims of a disaster. Sales proceeds may be retained by FEMA if used to purchase similar property or deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts. CBO cannot predict whether any additional units would be sold or otherwise disposed of as a result of this legislation; however, CBO expects that the net budgetary effect of any sales would probably be insignificant.

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