



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 23, 2012

S. J. Res. 44

A joint resolution granting consent of Congress to the State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on August 2, 2012

S. J. Res 44 would grant Congressional consent to the State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) entered into between multiple states in the United States and provinces of Canada. CBO estimates that granting consent to the MoU would have no impact on the federal budget.

Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. J. Res. 44 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.

The joint resolution would grant the consent of the Congress to a MoU entered into between the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, New York, and Wisconsin and four provinces of Canada (other states and provinces may agree to the MoU at a later date). The MoU allows participating jurisdictions to cooperate in planning and training exercises and to provide mutual assistance following an emergency or disaster. Examples of allowable activities include: sharing emergency operations plans and hazard analyses, joint training exercises, and the sharing of personnel, equipment, materials, and supplies. CBO does not expect that the execution of this MoU would affect the budget of the federal government over the next five years.

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