



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 2158
Expedited Departure of Certain Snake Species Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 16, 2014

H.R. 2158 would allow exporters of certain species of snakes to transport those snakes between airports within the United States en route to foreign countries. The bill also would allow those snakes to be transferred between planes at airports in the United States. Because those species, which include the Burmese python, Indian Python, Northern and Southern African pythons, and the yellow anaconda, are classified as injurious wildlife under the Lacey Act, they must be transported from certain airports in the United States directly to foreign airports under current law.

Based on information provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the agency responsible for enforcing the Lacey Act, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2158 would not affect the federal budget. Because enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 2158 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.

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