



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 1853

**A bill to direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain
observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal
Police Organization, and for other purposes**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on May 21, 2015

H.R. 1853 would require the President to develop and implement a strategy to help Taiwan get status as an observer in the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and to report to the Congress on those efforts. The Department of State has expressed support for Taiwan's participation in INTERPOL; thus, CBO expects that implementing the bill would not add significantly to the department's workload. Assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1853 would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2016-2020 period. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1853 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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