



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 2109
Directing Dollars to Disaster Relief Act of 2015**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs on October 7, 2015*

S. 2109 would require the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to develop a plan to reduce the costs of administering programs that provide grants and technical assistance in areas affected by major disasters. Under current law, the agency is developing a plan to reduce the costs of administering disaster programs that would meet many of the requirements in the bill. Under the bill, the agency also would be required to issue annual reports evaluating the effect of the plan on administrative costs. Based on information from FEMA, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have an insignificant effect on the federal budget over the 2016-2020 period.

Enacting S. 2109 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. Enacting the bill would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2026.

S. 2109 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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