



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 2426**

**A bill to direct the Secretary of State 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 Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
on January 28, 2016*

S. 2426 would require the Secretary of State 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. CBO estimates that implementing S. 2426 would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2016-2020 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues. CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

S. 2426 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.

On June 9, 2015, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1853 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on May 21, 2015. The two bills are similar and CBO's estimates of the budgetary effects of implementing them are the same.

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