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COST ESTIMATE

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**S. 1828**

**A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study of the feasibility of increasing consumption in the United States of certain ethanol-blended gasoline**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
on September 17, 2008*

S. 1828 would require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to conduct a study to test the feasibility of increasing the consumption of ethanol-blended gasoline, containing between 10 percent and 40 percent ethanol. The legislation also would authorize the appropriation of \$1 million for EPA to conduct the study, which must be completed not later than 18 months after enactment. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amount, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost \$1 million over the 2009-2010 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1828 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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