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COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2490

**A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security
to conduct a program in the maritime environment
for the mobile biometric identification of suspected individuals,
including terrorists, to enhance border security**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on June 26, 2008

H.R. 2940 would require the U.S. Coast Guard to carry out a program using mobile biometric identification tools to identify terrorists and other individuals who pose risks to border security. Biometric identification uses fingerprint and digital photography images.

Based on information provided by the Coast Guard, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2940 would have no effect on the federal budget because the agency has already carried out pilot projects using biometric identification and is adopting the technique for its homeland security activities.

H.R. 2940 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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