



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**S. 314**

**Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs on July 15, 1998*

S. 314 would require federal agencies to identify and list agency activities that could be performed by the private sector. The bill would require that the lists be made available to the public for inspection, and it would allow private-sector entities, agency employees, and certain labor organizations to challenge the lists. CBO estimates that enacting S. 314 would result in no significant annual cost to the federal government. Under OMB Circular No. A-76, agencies are already required to maintain and annually update a baseline inventory of all in-house activities that could be performed by the private sector. In addition, the circular requires them to make the lists available to the public upon request. Thus, S. 314 would largely codify current administrative policy.

Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. In addition, S. 314 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, and tribal governments.

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