



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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### **H.R. 3690** **U.S. Capitol Police and Library of Congress Police Merger** **Implementation Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the Committee on House Administration  
on November 7, 2007*

H.R. 3690 would merge the Library of Congress Police (LOCP) and the U.S. Capitol Police (USCP). Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$2 million over the 2008-2010 period and less than \$500,000 a year thereafter. We estimate that enacting the bill also would cause small annual increases in both revenues and direct spending, resulting in a net increase in the federal deficit of about \$1 million over the 2008-2017 period.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

Under H.R. 3690, about 100 civilian employees and police officers of the LOCP would transfer to the USCP over the next three years. Based on information provided by the LOCP and the USCP and assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that merging the two police forces would cost less than \$1 million in each of fiscal years 2008 through 2010, primarily for one-time training expenses and purchases of equipment, weapons, and uniforms. We estimate that annual costs in later years would be less than \$500,000.

The transfer of police officers to the USCP retirement system also would entail higher pension benefit costs and employee contributions to pension funds because the Capitol Police have slightly higher pension benefits and contribution rates. CBO estimates that the transfer would increase revenue (from employee retirement contributions) by less than \$500,000 per year beginning in 2009 and outlays (for retirement benefits) by a similar amount beginning in 2010. The net increase in the deficit related to these pension changes would total less than \$1 million over the 2008-2017 period.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Deborah Reis (for discretionary costs) and David Rafferty (for police pensions). This estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.