



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 5593 **Congressional Review Act Improvement Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on April 30, 2008

H.R. 5593 would reduce reporting requirements for agencies that submit information to the legislative branch under the Congressional Review Act (CRA). CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5593 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues. The bill 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.

Under current law, all agencies that promulgate a new rule must submit a report to the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) that contains a copy of the rule, a concise statement describing the rule, and its proposed effective date. H.R. 5593 would amend CRA to remove the requirement that agencies submit multiple copies of each new rule to the Congress. Instead, federal agencies would only submit rules and related documents to GAO, which would then provide the Congress with a weekly list.

CBO estimates that reducing the reporting requirements under CRA would not have a significant impact on agencies' budgets because they would continue to prepare the same reports.

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