



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 615  
DHS Interoperable Communications Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs on March 4, 2015*

H.R. 615 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), within 180 days of the legislation's enactment, to submit to the Congress a strategy to improve communications among DHS agencies. Within 100 days of that submission, and biannually thereafter for a period of six years, DHS would have to prepare a report on the implementation of the strategy. There are ongoing activities within the department to improve communications, so CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 615 would not significantly affect spending by DHS.

Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 615 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.

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