



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1417 **Border Security Results Act of 2013**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on May 15, 2013

H.R. 1417 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to measure the effectiveness of the department's border security strategy at U.S. ports of entry and along U.S. borders (including maritime borders). The legislation would direct the Inspector General of DHS to carry out covert testing of security at ports of entry and report the results to the Congress. In addition, H.R. 1417 would require DHS and the Government Accountability Office to prepare several reports on various aspects of the DHS border security program.

Based on information from the affected agencies and the costs of similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1417 would cost about \$5 million from appropriated funds over the 2014-2018 period. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1417 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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