



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 938 United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of 2014

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs
on January 29, 2014*

H.R. 938 would authorize the appropriation of \$3 million for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Homeland Security to establish several cooperative research programs with Israel. Those programs would be aimed at enhancing Israel's ability to detect explosives, provide emergency services, and maintain border, maritime, and aviation security.

In addition, the bill would authorize the federal government to provide technical assistance to Israel on a variety of issues, particularly for efforts to increase scientific collaboration on technologies related to energy, water, agriculture, and alternative fuels. Finally, the bill would require several reports to the Congress on various aspects of U.S. policy towards Israel. Based on information about current funding levels for similar activities, CBO estimates that in addition to the \$3 million specifically authorized, providing that assistance and carrying out other provisions of the bill would require additional appropriations totaling \$2 million annually starting in 2015.

In total, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$13 million over the 2014-2019 period, assuming appropriation of the specified and estimated amounts. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply because enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 938 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall primarily within budget functions 150 (international affairs), 270 (energy), and 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars						2014-2019
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION							
Estimated Authorization Level	3	2	2	2	2	2	13
Estimated Outlays	1	3	3	2	2	2	13

H.R. 938 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On November 27, 2013, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1992, the Israel QME Enhancement Act, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on November 20, 2013. H.R. 938 contains the same reporting requirements as H.R. 1992, and CBO's estimates of the costs of those requirements are also the same.

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