



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 5983

Homeland Security Network Defense and Accountability Act of 2008

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on June 26, 2008

SUMMARY

H.R. 5983 would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to improve the security of its computer networks and increase oversight of contractors that provide network services to the department. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5983 would cost \$163 million over the 2009-2013 period for DHS to hire additional staff to carry out the bill's provisions. Enacting H.R. 5983 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 5983 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 5983 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2009-
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2013
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	27	34	34	35	36	166
Estimated Outlays	25	33	34	35	36	163

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

H.R. 5983 would direct DHS to improve the security of its computer networks and increase oversight of contractors that provide network services to the department. The bill would require the department to establish and maintain an incident response team capable of responding at any time to a threat to the security of the department's computers.

Based on information provided by DHS on how the department would likely carry out the bill's provisions, CBO expects that the department would need to hire about 150 additional staff. Additional personnel would be hired by the Chief Information Officer, the Inspector General, and the procurement office. We estimate that annual costs would reach \$33 million by 2010, including salaries, benefits, training and support costs, and new hardware and software components.

ESTIMATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 5983 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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