

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 13, 2015

H.R. 1073 Critical Infrastructure Protection Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on June 25, 2015

H.R. 1073 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to undertake research and planning activities to mitigate the potential consequences of electromagnetic pulses—resulting from either intentional acts or natural causes—on critical infrastructure, such as public utilities and national security assets. The department is currently carrying out programs similar to those required by the bill, and CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1073 would not significantly affect spending by DHS. Because enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1073 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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