



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 158
Visa Waiver Program Improvement Act of 2015**

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

H.R. 158 would make administrative changes to the visa waiver program, under which citizens of certain countries may visit the United States temporarily without a visa, and would require the Department of Homeland Security to prepare several reports to the Congress on national security issues affected by the visa waiver program.

Based on the costs of similar reports, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 158 would cost about \$1 million in 2016 and less than \$500,000 annually thereafter, assuming appropriation of the necessary funds. Because enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 158 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.

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