



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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### **H.R. 4194** **Government Reports Elimination Act of 2014**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs on June 25, 2014*

H.R. 4194 would eliminate the requirement for 17 federal entities to prepare certain reports for the Congress. Based on information from the Office of Management and Budget and some affected agencies, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would reduce costs that are subject to appropriation by less than \$1 million over the next five years. Enacting H.R. 4194 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 4194 would eliminate the requirement to prepare 66 reports that are produced by numerous federal agencies, including: the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Homeland Security, Interior, Labor, State, Transportation, Treasury, and Veterans Affairs, and the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Executive Office of the President, the Government Accountability Office, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. By reducing the number of reports that must be prepared and printed, implementing H.R. 4194 would reduce the administrative costs of those agencies. However, about 50 of the reports are either duplicative, obsolete, or would remain available online. CBO estimates that eliminating the requirement to produce them would yield a small reduction in administrative costs.

H.R. 4194 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.

On April 24, 2014, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 4194 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The two versions of H.R. 4194 are similar, but they would affect different federal entities and eliminate a different number of reports. The CBO cost estimates reflect those differences.

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