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COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1413

A bill to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to address vulnerabilities in aviation security by carrying out a pilot program to screen airport workers with access to secure and sterile areas of airports

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on August 1, 2007

H.R. 1413 would direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, through the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), to test and evaluate alternative means of screening certain individuals employed at airports. Under the bill, TSA would establish pilot projects at seven airports to screen all individuals with unescorted access to secure areas of airports and areas where access is controlled by TSA (known as sterile areas). The legislation would require the agency to initiate those projects within 120 days of enactment, operate them for at least 180 days, and, after ending the projects, report on their results within 90 days.

Based on information from TSA on the cost of similar activities to develop and test screening systems, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1413 would cost \$10 million over the 2008-2009 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting H.R. 1413 would not affect direct spending or revenues. H.R. 1413 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.

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