



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 4179**

**Fair, Accurate, Secure, and Timely Redress Act of 2008**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on May 20, 2008*

Under current law, the federal government maintains terrorist watchlists used, among other purposes, to screen the names of domestic and international air travelers. H.R. 4179 would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to expand and refine its appeal and redress procedures for individuals who believe they were wrongly identified as a threat by a DHS watchlist or database. It also would require DHS to establish and disseminate among federal agencies a list of individuals misidentified as threats and subsequently cleared and to report to the Congress on the status and impact of those efforts.

Based on information from DHS, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4179 would cost \$3 million in 2009 and about \$500,000 annually thereafter, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. That estimate includes one-time costs to establish systems to enable federal agencies to share information on the proposed list of cleared individuals as well as ongoing costs for additional personnel and expenses related to the bill's refined appeal and redress procedures. Enacting H.R. 4179 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 4179 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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