



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 6113

**A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to require each agency
to include contact information for the agency
in its collection of information**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
on July 16, 2008*

H.R. 6113 would amend the Paperwork Reduction Act to require all federal agencies collecting new or revised information from the public to provide contact information, including a Web site and telephone number, where respondents can obtain a specific contact person responsible for answering questions about the information. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6113 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Although the legislation could affect agencies not funded through annual appropriations (such as the Tennessee Valley Authority or the U.S. Postal Service), CBO estimates that any net increase in spending by those agencies would not be significant.

Information from the Office of Management and Budget, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Social Security Administration indicates that most agencies already have telephone numbers and Web sites devoted to providing information pertaining to their forms, policies, and procedures. Thus, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would not significantly increase future costs of preparing paper or electronic documents used throughout the federal government or of responding to inquiries about requests for information.

H.R. 6113 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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