



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 2413**  
**Computer Security Enhancement Act of 2000**  
*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science on July 26, 2000*

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 2413 would direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to develop policies to improve computer security for federal computer systems and would authorize the appropriation of funds for this purpose in fiscal years 2001 and 2002.

CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$19 million over the 2001-2003 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. H.R. 2413 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

**ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2413 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 2413 would be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2001 and that the amounts authorized will be appropriated each year. Outlays have been projected on the basis of historical spending patterns for NIST and information provided by the agency. The cost of this legislation would fall within budget function 370 (commerce and housing credit).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Authorization Level	9	10	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	7	10	2	0	0

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 2413 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. Any costs incurred by states to participate in the National Policy Panel for Digital Signatures are unlikely to be significant.

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