



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 3921
Acquisition Streamlining Improvement Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Government Reform on March 14, 2002

H.R. 3921 would provide a two-year extension for a test program that streamlines government acquisition of “commercially available” items and services worth up to \$5 million. In addition, the bill would require the General Accounting Office (GAO) to submit a report to the Congress by March 1, 2004, regarding the effectiveness of the program. CBO estimates that enacting this bill would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

H.R. 3921 would not affect direct spending or receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 3921 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.

According to a GAO study, federal agencies have not used the current test program for a significant portion of their commercial purchases. Based on information in that report, CBO expects these procedures would primarily affect the timing of purchases rather than their costs. We also estimate the new GAO report would cost about \$300,000 over the 2003-2004 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Matthew Pickford. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.