



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 3759  
Transform America Transaction Fee of 2004**

*As introduced on February 3, 2004*

H.R. 3759 would direct the Secretary of the Treasury to conduct an in-depth study on the implementation of a transaction tax in the United States. The study would include a detailed feasibility and impact analysis and an implementation plan for a proposal to replace existing federal taxes with a per-transaction fee based on the value of the transaction. The bill would require the Treasury to submit the report to the Congress within one year of enactment.

The cost to conduct such a study would vary depending on the level of detail included and the comprehensiveness of the analysis. Based on information from the Treasury Department, the cost of similar studies, and the budget for the National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service, CBO estimates that the cost to complete and distribute the report would be \$1 million to \$2 million over the 2005-2006 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Any costs to change the federal tax system would be subject to future legislation. H.R. 3759 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 3759 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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