CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1167

A bill to amend the Truth in Regulating Act to authorize an additional period of three years for the pilot project for the report on rules

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Government Reform on June 8, 2006

SUMMARY

H.R. 1167 would amend the Truth in Regulating Act to authorize the appropriation of $5 million a year over the 2007-2009 period for a three-year extension of the Government Accountability Office's (GAO's) pilot project to evaluate final agency rules that are economically significant. No funds have been appropriated for the project, and the authority for the pilot project expired on January 15, 2004.

The rules subject to review by GAO would include those that could have an annual effect on the U.S. economy of at least $100 million or those that could adversely affect the economy, the environment, public health and safety, or state, local, or tribal governments. Each GAO analysis would include an evaluation of the potential costs and benefits of implementing a particular rule, alternative approaches for achieving the goal of the rule at a lower cost, and an evaluation of the regulatory impact analysis or other assessment performed by the agency issuing the rule.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts and based on information from GAO, CBO estimates that implementing the pilot project would cost $5 million in 2007 and $15 million over the 2007-2011 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues. H.R. 1167 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1167 is shown in the following table. The bill would authorize the appropriation of $5 million a year over the 2007-2009 period for the pilot project. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 800 (general government).

	By Fiscal Year, In Millions of Dollars				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	5	5	5	0	0
Estimated Outlays	5	5	5	0	0

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1167 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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