



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 8, 2008

H.R. 5170 **Department of Homeland Security** **Component Privacy Officer Act of 2008**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on June 26, 2008

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5170 would cost about \$1 million annually, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues. H.R. 5170 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 5170 would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to designate full-time officials to oversee privacy considerations and policies for each of the department's nine components, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Coast Guard, and the other agencies specified in the bill. Those individuals would coordinate all privacy matters for their respective agencies, including training and compliance, and would report to the Chief Privacy Officer of DHS.

According to DHS, four of the nine department components already have full-time privacy officials, so implementing H.R. 5170 would require filling five positions. We expect that each new official would be compensated at level 14 or 15 of the General Schedule. CBO estimates that the costs for those positions would total about \$1 million annually, including salaries and benefits for those officials and for the costs of any support staff.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.