



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 5743
Scientific Transformations through Advancing Research (STAR) Act

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

H.R. 5743 would allow the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to accept and use donations of real property, personal property, laboratory and office space, utility services, and infrastructure upgrades for the purposes of carrying out research and related activities. Based on information from DHS, CBO expects that the agency would receive some donations of equipment and property for research related to homeland security. Monetary gifts are classified in the budget as revenues, and spending of such sums would constitute direct spending. CBO estimates that the receipt and use of any donations would have a negligible net budgetary impact.

H.R. 5743 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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