



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1801
Risk-Based Security Screening for Members of the Armed Forces Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security
on September 21, 2011*

H.R. 1801 would require the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), to implement expedited screening processes at certain airports for uniformed members of the armed forces and accompanying family members. The bill would specify factors for the Assistant Secretary to consider in designing such processes and would require TSA to report to the Congress on their implementation.

According to TSA, the agency already intends to implement risk-based screening procedures for specific populations of air travellers, including uniformed members of the armed forces. Based on information from the agency about the status of those activities and the relatively small number of individuals that would qualify for expedited screening under H.R. 1801, CBO estimates that fully funding H.R. 1801 would cost less than \$500,000 annually, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting H.R. 1801 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1801 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.

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