



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1974

Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
on June 24, 2011*

H.R. 1974 would require the Government Printing Office (GPO) to establish and maintain a Web site that would allow the public to obtain electronic copies of all Congressionally mandated reports. Most executive, legislative, and judicial branch agencies would be required to provide GPO with their reports and notify the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate, as well as the appropriate Congressional committee, when the report is available on the Internet.

Based on information from GPO and other agencies that produce Congressionally mandated reports, CBO expects that complying with the bill's provisions would increase administrative costs to GPO to store and maintain the reports and to agencies to provide them. Based on information provided by those agencies, CBO estimates that in total implementing the bill would cost less than \$500,000 annually, assuming the availability of appropriated funds.

Pay-as-you-go procedures apply to the bill because it would affect direct spending by agencies not funded through annual appropriations, such as the Tennessee Valley Authority and Bonneville Power Administration. Such agencies would face some additional costs, but CBO estimates that any net increase in direct spending would not be significant. Enacting the legislation would not affect revenues.

H.R. 1974 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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