



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 1487  
Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act of 2011**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs on October 19, 2011*

CBO estimates that implementing S. 1487 would cost about \$2 million in fiscal year 2012, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the bill also would affect direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, CBO estimates that any such effects would be insignificant for each year. S. 1487 would not affect revenues.

S. 1487 would authorize the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the end of fiscal year 2018, to issue a special business card to certain persons who are employed in international commerce involving the United States and countries in Asia. The card would allow those persons to expedite their travel to several countries. The bill would permit DHS to charge a fee to cover the costs of carrying out this program.

Based on information from DHS, CBO estimates that, assuming the availability of appropriated funds, the agency would spend about \$2 million in 2012 to establish the new program, including costs to develop and test software, and test computer systems. In 2012 and subsequent years, the department expects to collect a fee of about \$100 from a few thousand participants per year. Thus, we estimate that DHS would collect and spend less than \$500,000 annually in most years to operate the program, so there would be no significant net effect on direct spending in any year.

S. 1487 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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