



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

July 11, 2013

**H.R. 1897
Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2013**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on June 27, 2013

H.R. 1897 would impose certain limitations on foreign assistance to Vietnam and require the Secretary of State to report annually to the Congress regarding aspects of U.S. policy with respect to that country. The bill would limit nonhumanitarian assistance to amounts provided in 2012 unless the federal government could certify that the government of Vietnam has made progress towards promoting democracy and human rights. The bill would allow the President to waive those requirements.

Based on information from the Department of State, CBO estimates that implementing the reporting requirements in H.R. 1897 would have discretionary costs of less than \$500,000 a year, totaling about \$1 million over the 2013-2018 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1897 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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