



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 3846
United States Customs and Border Protection Authorization Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security
on June 11, 2014*

H.R. 3846 would direct Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in the Department of Homeland Security to establish standard procedures for addressing complaints made against CBP employees and to enhance training for CBP officers and agents. The bill also would require the agency to prepare several minor reports for the Congress on a variety of issues, including the characteristics of CBP procurement personnel, infrastructure needs at ports of entry, and the problem of unaccompanied children apprehended at U.S. borders.

Based on the cost of similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3846 would cost about \$1 million in fiscal year 2015 and less than \$500,000 annually thereafter, from appropriated funds, mostly for the required reports. According to CBP, much of the information needed for those reports has already been compiled. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 3846 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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