



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 4315
21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 30, 2014

H.R. 4315 would require the Secretaries of the Interior and Commerce to make publicly available on the Internet data used as the basis for each listing determination under the Endangered Species Act. Based on information regarding the cost of providing documents on public websites, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have a negligible effect on the federal budget. Enacting H.R. 4315 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 4315 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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