



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 4671
Public Interest Declassification Review Board
Reauthorization Act of 2014**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
on May 21, 2014*

H.R. 4671 would extend through calendar year 2017 the authorization for the Public Interest Declassification Board (PIDB), which is set to expire on December 31, 2014. The board advises the President on the government's standards and procedures for releasing and declassifying information. The bill also would require the PIDB to prepare two reports, one assessing the progress federal agencies have made implementing the board's recommendations for improving the federal security classification system and another report providing additional recommendations for improving the system.

The National Declassification Center coordinates and prioritizes efforts to declassify documents that are eligible to be declassified but that affect multiple agencies. H.R. 4671 would codify existing regulations requiring the affected agencies to review such documents upon referral by the center.

Based on information from the National Archives, the parent agency for the PIDB, CBO estimates that it would cost approximately \$100,000 a year to operate the board over the 2015-2017 period, and that meeting the bill's additional reporting requirements would cost an additional \$150,000 over that same period. Overall, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4671 would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2015-2019 period, subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting H.R. 4671 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 4671 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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