



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 568**

**A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to require that the Office of Personnel Management submit an annual report to Congress relating to the use of official time by federal employees**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
on May 22, 2013*

H.R. 568 would require the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to provide annual reports to the Congress on the use of “official time” by federal employees who also serve as union officers. Official time is paid time off from assigned government duties to represent a labor union.

CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget because it would not significantly add to administrative costs. Most of the information needed for the reports required under the bill is currently collected. The legislation also could affect direct spending by agencies not funded through annual appropriations; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. CBO estimates, however, that any net increase in spending by those agencies would not be significant. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

H.R. 568 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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