



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1156  
International Science and Technology Cooperation Act of 2015**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology  
on March 4, 2015*

H.R. 1156 would require the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to create a new committee under the National Science and Technology Council. The committee would facilitate international research and training activities, primarily those to aid U.S. domestic science and technology and to support U.S. foreign policy goals. Senior-level officials from the OSTP and Department of State would co-chair the committee.

Based on information from the OSTP, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1156 would cost about \$3 million annually, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. That amount includes the costs to coordinate federal agency activities, prepare reports, and hire staff for the new committee. The bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

The legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Marin Burnett. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.