

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 3, 2015

H.R. 1640

Department of Homeland Security Headquarters Consolidation Accountability Act of 2015

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on May 20, 2015

H.R. 1640 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to prepare a report to the Congress on the DHS headquarters consolidation project within the national capital region, including updated timelines and cost estimates. The bill also would require the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review the DHS estimates of project costs and schedules and report its findings to the Congress.

Based on the cost of similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1640 would cost less than \$500,000, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Much of the information needed for the DHS and GAO reports has already been compiled. Because enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1640 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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