



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 2786
Cross-Border Rail Security Act of 2015**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security
on June 25, 2015*

H.R. 2786 would require Customs and Border Protection (CBP), within 180 days of the bill's enactment, to submit a report to the Congress on the inspection of goods entering the United States by rail. The legislation also would direct the Government Accountability Office to periodically audit CBP inspection operations at rail crossings along the northern and southern U.S. borders.

Based on the costs of similar reports and audits, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2786 would cost about \$1 million in 2016 and less than \$500,000 annually thereafter, assuming appropriation of the necessary funds. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 2786 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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