



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 3572  
DHS Headquarters Reform and Improvement Act of 2015**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security  
on September 30, 2015*

H.R. 3572 would reorganize certain offices in the headquarters of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The bill would direct the department to improve the accountability, transparency, and efficiency of its major acquisition programs and would specify procedures for DHS to follow if it fails to meet timelines or other performance parameters for those programs. In addition, H.R. 3572 would require DHS to prepare a comprehensive report each year on the status of its acquisition program and would direct the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the DHS Inspector General to review and report on certain issues related to departmental acquisition policies.

Based on information from DHS and the cost of similar activities, CBO estimates that the reorganization and new administrative procedures as well as additional reviews and reports by GAO and DHS required by H.R. 3572 would cost about \$2 million in 2016 and less than \$500,000 annually thereafter; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. CBO expects that DHS will continue to seek to improve its efficiency in acquiring goods and services under current law; we have no basis for estimating any savings in procurement costs that might occur as a result of the bill's directives to the department.

Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3572 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2026.

H.R. 3572 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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