

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

April 11, 2016

H.R. 4678

United States Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Preservation Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on March 16, 2016

H.R. 4678 would prohibit the President from modifying, repealing, or replacing the current lease agreement for the U.S. Naval Station in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, unless authorized to do so by the Congress through legislation, a new treaty ratified by the Senate, or a modification of the existing U.S. treaty with Cuba that would be ratified by the Senate. The Administration has stated that it does not intend to leave the naval base or alter the terms of the current lease agreement; therefore, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have no effect on the federal budget.

Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply because enacting H.R. 4678 would not affect direct spending or revenues. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4678 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 4678 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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