



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

August 31, 2016

**H.R. 5537  
Digital GAP Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs  
on July 14, 2016*

H.R. 5537 would codify many of the guiding principles and practices of the federal government's efforts to promote Internet access in developing countries. In addition, the bill would require the President to report to the Congress on his policy to promote such access and on partnerships between federal agencies to provide access and expand infrastructure. On the basis of information from the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2017-2021 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply because enacting H.R. 5537 would not affect direct spending or revenues. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5537 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 5537 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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