



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 690  
Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act of 2015**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on March 24,  
2015*

H.R. 690 would amend federal law to require agencies to post on the regulations.gov website, the Internet address to a summary of every proposed rule. Under the bill, those summaries would have to be no more than 100 words in length. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 690 would have no significant cost over the next five years. The bill would affect direct spending by agencies not funded through annual appropriations; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. CBO estimates, however, that any net increase in spending by those agencies would not be significant. Enacting H.R. 690 would not affect revenues.

Executive Orders 12866, 13563, and the June 1, 1998, Presidential Memorandum on Plain Language already require agencies to use plain language in all proposed and final rules. CBO expects that preparing the short summary of proposed rules under H.R. 690 would not significantly increase agencies' administrative costs.

H.R. 690 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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