



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**S. 1172**  
***Edward “Ted” Kaufman and Michael Leavitt Presidential Transitions***  
**Improvements Act of 2015**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs on May 6, 2015*

S. 1172 would amend federal law to codify the process of transitioning from one presidential administration to another. The bill would establish councils of federal employees to oversee and coordinate transition activities within the White House and across all federal agencies. The bill also would require each agency to appoint staff to manage internal transition activities. Finally, S. 1172 would extend the period of time during which the General Services Administration can spend funds on services and facilities for the incoming administration after the inauguration.

According to major government agencies and non-profit organizations involved with previous presidential transitions, most of the provisions of the legislation would require agencies to implement practices that are typically put into place immediately preceding and following a presidential election. Therefore, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost less than \$500,000 over the next five years. Because enacting S. 1172 would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 1172 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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