



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 4, 2016

S. 236

Duplication Elimination Act of 2016

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs on February 10, 2016*

S. 236 would require the President to send to the Congress a proposed joint resolution to implement recommendations from the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) Annual Report on Fragmentation, Overlap, and Duplication. That report provides recommendations to reduce waste and inefficiency in federal programs. The legislation also would require the President to provide the Congress with a report explaining which GAO recommendations were excluded from the proposed joint resolution (if any) and the reason for the exclusion.

Any budgetary effects of S. 236 would depend on future legislation. Thus, CBO estimates that enacting S. 236, by itself, would not have a significant effect on the federal budget. CBO estimates that it would cost the Office of Management and Budget less than \$500,000 annually to propose the required legislation and report to the Congress. Because enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 236 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

S. 236 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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