



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1174 **Fairness for Breastfeeding Mothers Act of 2017**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
on February 28, 2017*

H.R. 1174 would require that all federal buildings that are open to the public provide a space (other than a bathroom) to be used by members of the public as a lactation area. This requirement would only apply if federal employees working in such a federal building have access to a lactation room. Under current law, federal agencies are required to provide such a room in federal workplaces that is shielded from view and free from intrusion from coworkers and the public. In addition, standards for the General Services Administration (GSA) currently require the installation of lactation stations for all newly constructed federal buildings, as well as those undergoing building repairs, alterations, and modernizations.

Information from GSA suggests that a small percentage of the total federal inventory is open to the public and, of those, few have lactation rooms designated for use by federal employees. CBO is unaware of any comprehensive information on the number of lactation rooms in public buildings. Because CBO expects that the bill's requirements would not affect many buildings, we estimate that implementing H.R. 1174 would cost less than \$500,000 annually; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. That amount would cover installation costs for a few federal facilities that either do not currently have lactation rooms or would not otherwise be covered by current GSA standards.

Enacting H.R. 1174 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1174 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 1174 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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