



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3308 **Taxpayer Transparency Act of 2014**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
on February 11, 2014*

H.R. 3308 would require that communications from federal agencies to the public clearly state that the communication is composed and disseminated at taxpayer expense. Agency communications that are funded with user fees or nonfederal funds would need to clearly state that the communication is funded by the United States government. The bill would cover any type of advertisement or communication transmitted by any means that provides information about any government program, benefit, or service.

Because the legislation would apply only to communications produced after enactment, CBO estimates that this requirement on future agency communications with the public would have no significant impact on the budget. The legislation could 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 the bill would not affect revenues.

H.R. 3308 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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