



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 3783
Countering Iran in the Western Hemisphere Act of 2012
As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on March 7, 2012

H.R. 3783 would require the Secretary of State to conduct a detailed threat assessment of Iran’s growing activity in the Western Hemisphere, develop a strategy to address those threats, and report to the Congress on the implementation and evaluation of that strategy.

Based on information from the Department of State, CBO estimates that the department would hire an additional eight people (six overseas personnel at an annual cost per person of about \$550,000 and two domestic personnel at an annual cost per person of about \$200,000) and require annual appropriations of about \$4 million a year to implement the bill’s provisions. CBO estimates that additional costs to the Departments of Homeland Security, Justice, and the Treasury in contributing to the threat assessment would be less than \$500,000 a year and total \$1 million over the 2013-2017 period.

In total, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have discretionary costs of \$18 million over the 2013-2017 period, assuming appropriation of the estimated amounts. Enacting H.R. 3783 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 3783 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget functions 150 (international affairs), 750 (administration of justice), and 800 (general government).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2013-2017
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	4	4	4	4	4	21
Estimated Outlays	2	3	4	4	4	18

Note: Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

H.R. 3783 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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