



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 2, 2013

### **H.R. 1162** **Government Accountability Office Improvement Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and  
Governmental Affairs on July 31, 2013*

H.R. 1162 would provide additional authorities to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), including the ability to obtain certain records and information and to administer oaths. The legislation also would require GAO to establish procedures to protect certain proprietary information.

CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget because it would not significantly add to GAO's administrative costs. Enacting the H.R. 1162 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1162 would impose an intergovernmental mandate as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) by requiring the District of Columbia to report information to Congressional committees and GAO. CBO estimates that the cost to comply with the mandate would be minimal and would not exceed the threshold established in UMRA for intergovernmental mandates (\$75 million in 2013, adjusted annually for inflation).

H.R. 1162 contains no private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

On April 1, 2013, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1162, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The two versions of the legislation are similar, and the CBO cost estimates are the same.

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