



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1370
Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization
Act of 2017

As passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on May 23, 2017

H.R. 1370 would authorize the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to implement a program to combat human trafficking; this program would be known as the Blue Campaign. (DHS currently carries out a similar program, which includes activities to raise awareness of human trafficking and training for law enforcement personnel.) H.R. 1370 would authorize the appropriation of \$819,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022 for the campaign. CBO estimates that implementing the act would cost about \$4 million over the 2018-2022 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1370 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 1370 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.

On August 17, 2017, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1103, the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act of 2017, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on May 17, 2017. S. 1103 would authorize a total appropriation of \$819,000 for the Blue Campaign; thus the estimated cost for implementing S. 1103 is lower than for H.R. 1370.

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