



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 22, 2017

H.R. 2195 **OSC Access Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
on May 2, 2017*

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2195 would have no effect on the federal budget. The legislation would amend federal law to clarify that the Office of Special Counsel (OSC) has the authority to obtain all of the documents it needs for an investigation, including those involving alleged retaliation against whistleblowers. According to OSC, this legislation would codify existing agency policy. The primary mission of OSC is to safeguard federal employees from prohibited personnel practices.

Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2195 would not increase direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 2195 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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