



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 3551**  
**C-TPAT Reauthorization Act of 2017**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security  
on September 7, 2017*

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in the Department of Homeland Security administers the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT), a voluntary program that encourages entities involved in international trade to cooperate with CBP to strengthen international supply chains, improve border security, and facilitate the movement of secure cargo through the supply chain. H.R. 3551 would make several changes to the C-TPAT program, mostly related to the benefits provided to program participants such as importers and customs brokers. The authorization of appropriations for the program expired in 2010. For fiscal year 2017, the Congress provided about \$39 million to operate the program.

Based on an analysis of information from CBP, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would not significantly affect the cost to continue C-TPAT operations in future years at the 2017 level.

Enacting H.R. 3551 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3551 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 3551 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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