



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 4917**  
**IG Subpoena Authority Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
on February 6, 2018*

H.R. 4917 would amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to expand the subpoena authority of inspectors general at some agencies. The bill also would create a process for a panel of inspectors general to approve specific uses of the subpoena authority and also for the Attorney General to disapprove such uses.

Using information from several agencies, CBO estimates that any budgetary effects from implementing H.R. 4917 would not be significant because the new subpoena authority probably would be used infrequently. Enacting H.R. 4917 could affect direct spending by some agencies because they are authorized to use receipts from the sale of goods, fees, and other collections to cover operating costs. Therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. Because most agencies can make adjustments to the amounts collected as operating costs change, CBO estimates that any net changes in direct spending by those agencies would be insignificant. Enacting H.R. 4917 would not affect revenues.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4917 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 4917 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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