



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 5131 **Surface Transportation Security Improvement Act of 2018**

As reported by the House Committee Homeland Security on March 19, 2018

H.R. 5131 would require the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to complete a variety of reports, analyses, and other administrative activities aimed at promoting the security of surface transportation systems. The bill also would require the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review the status of certain existing efforts related to surface transportation security. Under current law, TSA oversees, regulates, and coordinates with operators of surface transportation systems to safeguard those systems.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5131 would not significantly affect the federal budget. Some of the bill's provisions would require TSA to expand existing efforts, but using information from the agency, CBO expects that any increase in federal spending (including costs incurred by GAO) under the bill would total less than \$500,000. Such spending would be subject to appropriation.

Enacting H.R. 5131 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5131 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 5131 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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