



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 5535**  
**Energy Diplomacy Act of 2018**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs  
on May 9, 2018*

H.R. 5535 would authorize creation of the position of Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Energy Resources within the Department of State to manage U.S. foreign policy in the field of energy. The President's nominee for Assistant Secretary was recently confirmed and has taken on that role. Previously, that responsibility was covered by a Coordinator for International Energy Affairs.

On the basis of information from the department about the bureau's current staffing and responsibilities and their budget request for 2019, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would codify current policies and practices and would have no effect on the federal budget. The bureau currently has 74 positions and a budget of \$13 million, and the President requested \$12.5 million for the bureau in 2019.

Enacting H.R. 5535 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5535 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 5535 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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