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COST ESTIMATE

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S. 906
Reducing DHS Acquisition Cost Growth Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs on July 26, 2017*

S. 906 would specify procedures to be followed by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) if it fails to meet certain timelines or other performance standards for its major acquisition programs. Additionally, the bill would require an Inspector General report to be submitted to the Congress on the prevalence and impact of bid protests on the acquisition process of DHS. Based on information from DHS, CBO estimates that implementing the new administrative procedures would cost less than \$500,000 annually; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting S. 906 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

S. 906 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On March 22, 2017, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1294, the Reducing DHS Acquisition Cost Growth Act, as passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on March 20, 2017. The two pieces of legislation are similar and CBO's estimates of their costs are the same.

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