



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 3, 2018

Department of Homeland Security Legislation

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs on September 26, 2018*

On September 26, the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs ordered two pieces of legislation to be reported:

- H.R. 5206, the Office of Biometric Identity Management Authorization Act of 2018; and
- H.R. 6439, the Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program Authorization Act of 2018.

Each act would mostly codify a current program in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would not significantly affect spending by DHS.

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

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

Neither act contains intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

On June 28, 2018, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 5206 as reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on June 21, 2018. On August 6, 2018, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 6439 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on July 24, 2018. CBO's estimates of the two versions for each piece of legislation are the same.

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