



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 6901 **Federal CIO Authorization Act of 2018**

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on September 27, 2018*

H.R. 6901 would amend the E-Government Act of 2002 that governs the management and use of federal electronic services and processes. Specifically, the bill would rename the Office of E-Government within the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as the Office of Chief Information Officer and designate a chief information officer (CIO) and a chief information security officer (CISO). The bill also would require federal agencies to report to the Congress on their information technology (IT) investments and direct the CIO to report on the feasibility of small agencies' consolidating their IT services.

Based on information from OMB, CBO expects that the bill would largely codify current practice: The federal government has a CIO and a CISO and the Federal IT Dashboard now reports on federal IT spending. Depending on scope and the effort required to produce the report, CBO estimates, it would cost up to \$2 million to complete a report on the feasibility of consolidating the IT services of the federal government's approximately 100 small-to-midsized agencies.

Enacting H.R. 6901 could affect direct spending by some agencies (the Tennessee Valley Authority, for example) that are authorized to use fees, receipts from the sale of goods, and other collections to cover their operating costs; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. Because most such agencies can adjust the amounts they collect, however, CBO estimates that any net changes in direct spending would not be significant. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 6901 would not increase direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 6901 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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