



CBO's Work in Progress as of October 4, 2019

As of October 4, the Congressional Budget Office was working on 140 cost estimates for bills that have been ordered reported by a committee or are the subject of a motion to be placed on the consensus calendar (see Table 1).¹ (From January 1 through September 30 this year, CBO published 479 cost estimates.)

The agency was also working on 32 analytic reports and working papers it expects to complete in the coming months for which the plan to publish them is public. As usual, CBO will undertake additional reports throughout the year. (From January 1 through September 30 this year, CBO published 56 analytic reports and working papers.)²

Of those 32, 3 forthcoming reports, which CBO anticipates releasing early in 2020, are statutorily required:

- *The Budget and Economic Outlook: 2020 to 2029*,
- *Expired and Expiring Authorizations of Appropriations: Fiscal Year 2020*, and
- *Final Sequestration Report for Fiscal Year 2020*.

Three other reports that were under way are editions of reports that CBO produces on a regular basis to provide budgetary or economic information:

- *Monthly Budget Review for October 2019* (published October 7),
- *An Analysis of the Navy's 2020 Shipbuilding Plan* (published October 8), and
- *The Distribution of Household Income, 2017*.

¹ Bills that have not been ordered reported by a committee but have accumulated 290 cosponsors may be placed on the consensus calendar for consideration by the House.

² In July 2019, CBO began the practice of reporting on its ongoing work on a quarterly schedule.

Others explain or undergird the analytical methods used for CBO's work or provide background information:

- A description of CBO's model to roughly approximate the budgetary effects of broad changes in the economy;
- A nontechnical explanation of how CBO treats uncertainty in cost estimates;
- A reexamination of CBO's original estimate of the cost of the legislation establishing the Department of Defense Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund;
- A review of the accuracy of CBO's outlay and revenue projections for fiscal year 2019;
- An explanation of key scorekeeping rules and how CBO has used them to provide cost estimates for recent legislation;
- An evaluation of the accuracy of CBO's economic forecasts;
- Brief explanations of some important concepts related to the Congressional budget process—for example, the difference between rescissions and reappropriations;
- A description of historical trends in borrowing by the federal government and an in-depth look at common measures of debt;
- A short explanation of how statutory pay-as-you-go procedures operate;
- An update to a 2018 report illustrating the key features of a cost estimate;
- Supplementing CBO's July 2019 report on increasing the minimum wage, an interactive web tool that will allow users to specify relevant policies and see general estimates of the effects on employment and family income;
- Supplementing CBO's July 2019 report on increasing the minimum wage, a description of the effects of competition and monopsony in labor markets;
- An overview of the effects of immigration on the economy and the federal budget;
- A description of CBO's method for forecasting oil prices and an assessment of its accuracy;
- A comparison of CBO's Social Security projections and the Social Security trustees' projections; and
- An evaluation of how the effects of tax changes on employment and the unemployment rate differ in recessions and expansions.

Ten requested reports in progress as of October 4 were the following:

- An examination of issues surrounding a tax on vehicle miles traveled by trucks as a way of providing funding for highways and other transportation programs;
- An analysis of income-driven repayment plans for student loans;
- An examination of the effects of federal student loan policies on borrowing, loan repayment, cancellation, discharge, and forgiveness;
- An analysis of the distribution of certain tax expenditures;
- An examination of the Internal Revenue Service's enforcement activities and their relationship to the agency's resources;
- A description of how CBO analyzes the federal budgetary effects of proposals to improve health through preventive medical care;
- A description of the guaranteed home loan program run by the Department of Veterans Affairs, including how it works, how it benefits veterans, and how it affects the federal budget;
- An assessment of the costs of replacing the Navy's aircraft through 2050 if the service implemented its current plans and replaced aircraft at the end of their typical service life;
- A synthesis of CBO's reports analyzing the replacement costs of the Department of Defense's aviation fleet, allowing comparisons across the military services; and
- An estimate of the Navy's plan to modernize the nation's sealift force (ships that move most of the Army's and Marine Corps' equipment and supplies to overseas theaters of operation) and comparisons with four alternatives.

CBO makes known occasions when it is working on requested analytic reports when the requester makes his or her request of CBO public or permits CBO to make the work public, sometimes in order to gain outside feedback most effectively. CBO also makes known that it has been working on analytic reports when their release is imminent, as is the case for the report on a tax on vehicle miles traveled.³ Other analytic reports requested by lawmakers are in progress, and the plans to publish them are confidential. Upon completion, they will be widely distributed.

³ CBO announces forthcoming publications on its website. See Congressional Budget Office, "Upcoming Releases," www.cbo.gov/about/press-center.

Table 1.

Forthcoming Cost Estimates for Bills Ordered Reported by a Committee or the Subject of a Motion to Be Placed on the Consensus Calendar, as of October 4, 2019

Bill Number	Title	Committee
House Bills		
H.R. 5	Equality Act	H. Judiciary
H.R. 123	FHA Additional Credit Pilot Program Reauthorization Act	H. Financial Services
H.R. 132	North America Development Bank Improvement Act of 2019	H. Financial Services
H.R. 370	Pipeline and LNG Facility Cybersecurity Preparedness Act	H. Energy and Commerce
H.R. 473	A bill to authorize the Every Word We Utter Monument to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia	H. Natural Resources
H.R. 728	Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2019	H. Energy and Commerce
H.R. 776	Emergency Medical Services for Children Program Reauthorization Act of 2019	H. Energy and Commerce
H.R. 1023	Great Lakes Fishery Research Authorization Act of 2019	H. Natural Resources
H.R. 1058	Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education and Support Act of 2019	H. Energy and Commerce
H.R. 1132	A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay.	H. Transportation and Infrastructure
H.R. 1186	Keep Americans Safe Act	H. Judiciary
H.R. 1230	Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act	H. Education and Labor
H.R. 1236	Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2019	H. Judiciary
H.R. 1309	Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act	H. Education and Labor
H.R. 1380	Big Cat Public Safety Act	H. Natural Resources
H.R. 1420	Energy Efficient Government Technology Act	S. Energy and Natural Resources
H.R. 1423	FAIR Act	H. Judiciary
H.R. 1446	Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2019	H. Natural Resources
H.R. 1472	A bill to rename the Homestead National Monument of America near Beatrice, Nebraska.	H. Natural Resources
H.R. 1487	Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Study Act	H. Natural Resources
H.R. 1492	Yucca House National Monument Boundary Revision Act	H. Natural Resources
H.R. 1615	Verification Alignment and Service-disabled Business Adjustment (VA-SBA) Act	H. Small Business
H.R. 1747	National Fish Habitat Conservation Through Partnerships Act	H. Natural Resources
H.R. 1975	Cybersecurity Advisory Committee Authorization Act	H. Homeland Security
H.R. 1980	Smithsonian Women's History Museum Act	Consensus calendar
H.R. 2044	Smart Building Acceleration Act	H. Energy and Commerce
H.R. 2088	A bill to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to reauthorize the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, and for other purposes.	H. Energy and Commerce

House Bills (Continued)

H.R. 2114	Enhancing State Energy Security Planning and Emergency Preparedness Act of 2019	S. Energy and Natural Resources
H.R. 2185	District of Columbia Flood Prevention Act of 2019	H. Natural Resources
H.R. 2189	Digital Coast Act	H. Natural Resources
H.R. 2203	The Homeland Security Improvement Act	H. Homeland Security
H.R. 2242	A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include certain services in the definition of critical services, and for other purposes.	H. Transportation and Infrastructure
H.R. 2245	CECIL Act	H. Natural Resources
H.R. 2247	PUGET SOS Act	H. Transportation and Infrastructure
H.R. 2406	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Amendments Act of 2019	H. Natural Resources
H.R. 2474	Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2019	H. Education and Labor
H.R. 2507	Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act of 2019	H. Energy and Commerce
H.R. 2514	Coordinating Oversight, Upgrading and Innovating Technology, and Examiner Reform Act of 2019	H. Financial Services
H.R. 2574	Equity and Inclusion Enforcement Act	H. Education and Labor
H.R. 2665	Smart Energy and Water Efficiency Act of 2019	H. Energy and Commerce
H.R. 2708	Disarm Hate Act	H. Judiciary
H.R. 2781	Educating Medical Professionals and Optimizing Workforce Efficiency and Readiness for Health Act of 2019	H. Energy and Commerce
H.R. 2819	Gold Star Families National Monument Extension Act	H. Natural Resources
H.R. 3115	Living Shorelines Act of 2019	H. Natural Resources
H.R. 3167	National Flood Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2019	H. Financial Services
H.R. 3239	Humanitarian Standards for Individuals in Customs and Border Protection Custody Act	H. Judiciary
H.R. 3289	Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019	H. Foreign Affairs
H.R. 3352	A bill to provide for certain authorities of the Department of State, and for other purposes.	H. Foreign Affairs
H.R. 3356	The Veterans Expedited TSA Screening Safe Travel Act	H. Homeland Security
H.R. 3375	Stopping Bad Robocalls Act	H. Energy and Commerce
H.R. 3409	Coast Guard Authorization Act	H. Transportation and Infrastructure
H.R. 3525	The U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act	H. Homeland Security
H.R. 3541	Coastal State Climate Preparedness Act of 2019	H. Natural Resources
H.R. 3596	Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act	H. Natural Resources
H.R. 3607	Fossil Energy Research Development Act of 2019	H. Science, Space, and Technology
H.R. 3618	A bill to establish requirements relating to credit scores and educational credit scores, and for other purposes.	H. Financial Services
H.R. 3619	Appraisal Fee Transparency Act of 2019	H. Financial Services
H.R. 3621	Student Borrower Credit Improvement Act	H. Financial Services

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H.R. 3622	Restoring Unfairly Impaired Credit and Protecting Consumers Act	H. Financial Services
H.R. 3623	The Climate Risk Disclosure Act of 2019	H. Financial Services
H.R. 3629	Clarity in Credit Score Formation Act	H. Financial Services
H.R. 3632	Fair and Open Skies Act	H. Transportation and Infrastructure
H.R. 3641	Stronger Enforcement of Civil Penalties Act	H. Financial Services
H.R. 3642	Improving Credit Reporting for All Consumers Act	H. Financial Services
H.R. 3670	The Short-term Detention Act	H. Homeland Security
H.R. 3701	A bill to establish a statute of limitations for certain actions of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes.	H. Financial Services
H.R. 3779	Resilience Revolving Loan Fund Act	H. Transportation and Infrastructure
H.R. 4018	A bill to provide that the amount of time that an elderly offender must serve before being eligible for placement in home detention is to be reduced by the amount of good time credits earned by the prisoner, and for other purposes.	H. Judiciary
H.R. 4029	Tribal Eligibility for Homeless Assistance Grants Act of 2019	H. Financial Services
H.R. 4067	Financial Inclusion in Banking Act of 2019	H. Financial Services
H.R. 4242	Greater Accountability in Pay Act of 2019	H. Financial Services
H.R. 4270	PROTECT Hong Kong Act	H. Foreign Affairs
H.R. 4300	Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Act of 2019	H. Financial Services
H.R. 4301	School Shooting Safety and Preparedness Act	H. Education and Labor
H.R. 4302	Facilitating Access to Homeless Assistance Act of 2019	H. Financial Services
H.R. 4320	Corporate Management Accountability Act of 2019	H. Financial Services
H.R. 4328	Protecting Innocent Consumers Affected by a Shutdown Act	H. Financial Services
H.R. 4329	ESG Disclosure Simplification Act of 2019	H. Financial Services
H.R. 4334	Dignity in Aging Act of 2019	H. Education and Labor
H.R. 4335	8-K Trading Gap Act of 2019	H. Financial Services
H.R. 4344	A bill to amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to allow for the SEC to seek and Federal courts to grant restitution to investors and disgorgement of unjust enrichment.	H. Financial Services
H.R. 4347	PREPARE Act of 2019	H. Transportation and Infrastructure
H.R. 4355	Identifying Outputs of Generative Adversarial Networks (IOGAN) Act	H. Science, Space, and Technology
H.R. 4372	MSI STEM Achievement Act	H. Science, Space, and Technology
H.R. 4373	Engineering Biology Research and Development Act	H. Science, Space, and Technology
H.R. 4387	A bill to establish Growth Accelerator Fund Competition within the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.	H. Small Business
H.R. 4405	Women's Business Centers Improvement Act	H. Small Business
H.R. 4406	Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act	H. Small Business

House Bills (Continued)

H.R. 4407	SCORE for Small Business Act	H. Small Business
H.R. 4432	A bill to require the Department of Homeland Security to prepare a terrorism threat assessment relating to unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes.	H. Homeland Security

Senate Bills

S. 334	Clean Water for Rural Communities Act	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 439	End Plush Retirements Act	S. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
S. 496	Young Fishermen's Development Act	S. Commerce, Science, and Transportation
S. 607	Timely Review of Infrastructure Act	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 860	Jackson Gulch Rehabilitation Project Modification Act	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 886	Indian Water Rights Settlement Extension Act	S. Indian Affairs
S. 903	Nuclear Energy Leadership Act	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 990	Platte River Recovery Implementation Program Extension Act	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 1201	Enhancing Fossil Fuel Energy Carbon Technology Act of 2019	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 1245	All-of-the-Above Federal Building Energy Conservation Act of 2019	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 1341	Safer Occupancy Furniture Flammability Act	S. Commerce, Science, and Transportation
S. 1349	Secure Traveler Act	S. Commerce, Science, and Transportation
S. 1439	Maritime Administration Authorization and Enhancement Act	S. Commerce, Science, and Transportation
S. 1494	Secure and Protect Act	S. Judiciary
S. 1507	PFAS Release Disclosure and Protection Act of 2019	S. Environment and Public Works
S. 1570	Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 1590	Rescuing Animals With Rewards Act of 2019	S. Foreign Relations
S. 1602	BEST Act	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 1625	United States 5G Leadership Act	S. Commerce, Science, and Transportation
S. 1678	Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019	S. Foreign Relations
S. 1685	Launching Energy Advancement and Development through Innovations for Natural Gas Act of 2019	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 1706	Energy Savings Through Public-Private Partnerships Act of 2019	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 1751	Bureau of Reclamation Pumped Storage Hydropower Development Act	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 1821	Marine Energy Research and Development Act of 2019	S. Energy and Natural Resources

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S. 1822	A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules relating to the collection of data with respect to the availability of broadband services, and for other purposes.	S. Commerce, Science, and Transportation
S. 1838	Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019	S. Foreign Relations
S. 1857	Federal Energy and Water Management Performance Act of 2019	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 1858	Consumer Product Safety Commission Chief Information Office Parity Act	S. Commerce, Science, and Transportation
S. 1874	BRIGHT Act	S. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
S. 1881	Veterans Expedited TSA Screening (VETS) Safe Travel Act	S. Commerce, Science, and Transportation
S. 1882	A bill to make available the continued use of Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program project use power by the Kinsey Irrigation Company and the Sidney Water Users Irrigation District, and for other purposes.	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 1931	Western Area Power Administration Transparency Act	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 1976	Federal Permitting Reform and Jobs Act	S. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
S. 2044	Water Supply Infrastructure Rehabilitation and Utilization Act	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 2094	Enhancing State Energy Security Planning and Emergency Preparedness Act of 2019	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 2095	Enhancing Grid Security through Public-Private Partnerships Act	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 2137	Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act of 2019	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 2169	A bill to amend section 3116 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the applicability of the appointment limitations for students appointed under the expedited hiring authority for post-secondary students.	S. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
S. 2177	Taxpayers Right-to-Know Act	S. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
S. 2260	Save Our Seas 2.0: Improving Domestic Infrastructure to Prevent Marine Debris Act	S. Environment and Public Works
S. 2297	A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard.	S. Commerce, Science, and Transportation
S. 2299	PIPES Act	S. Commerce, Science, and Transportation
S. 2300	CIT Act of 2019	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 2302	A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.	S. Environment and Public Works
S. 2332	Grid Modernization Act of 2019	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 2333	Energy Cybersecurity Act of 2019	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 2334	21st Century Energy Workforce Act of 2019	S. Energy and Natural Resources
S. 2335	Smart Building Acceleration Act of 2019	S. Energy and Natural Resources

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S. 2372	Save Our Seas 2.0: Enhanced Global Engagement to Combat Marine Debris Act	S. Foreign Relations
S. 2543	Prescription Drug Pricing Reduction Act of 2019	S. Finance

Source: Congressional Budget Office.
