Congressional Budget Office
Cost Estimate

July 30, 2026

H.R. 5517, Northern Border Security Enhancement and Review Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on June 24, 2026

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2026	2026-2031	2026-2036
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	not estimated

Increases *net direct spending* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2037?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No
Increases *on-budget deficits* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2037?	No	**Mandate Effects**	
		Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

* = between zero and $500,000.

H.R. 5517 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to report to the Congress on potential terrorism and criminal threats at the northern border of the United States, and to update that analysis every two years. The bill also would direct the department to update its northern border strategy in 2026 and every two years thereafter. Finally, the bill would require DHS to develop performance metrics to assess the effectiveness of air and maritime security measures at the northern border.

On the basis of costs of similar activities, CBO expects that implementing the bill would cost less than $500,000 over the 2026-2031 period. Any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Previous CBO Estimate

On August 18, 2025, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 850, the Northern Border Security Enhancement and Review Act, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on July 30, 2025. The two bills are similar; consequently, CBO's estimates of the costs to implement the bills are the same.

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