

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 12, 2018

H.R. 5846

Promoting Flood Risk Mitigation Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on June 27, 2018

H.R. 5846 would direct the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to complete and submit to the Congress a study on the efficacy of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's current practices related to the federal acquisition of private properties following major flood disasters. GAO would be required to examine the available funding for such federal acquisition through current grant programs, evaluate any constraints that may impede the timely acquisition of damaged or destroyed properties, consider potential options to address any constraints identified, and assess how an acquisition program could be used to reduce future flood recovery costs.

Using information on the costs of similar studies, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would not have significant cost.

Enacting H.R. 5846 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-yougo procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5846 would not increase net direct spending or onbudget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 5846 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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