



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1992
Israel QME Enhancement Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs
on November 20, 2013*

H.R. 1992 would require the Department of State to increase the frequency of its reporting to the Congress on Israel's qualitative military edge (QME) over threats to its security and also would require a report on the cyber and asymmetric threats faced by that country. The department currently provides the QME report every four years; the bill would require that report on a biennial basis. Based on information from the department, CBO estimates that implementing those reporting requirements would have discretionary costs of less than \$500,000 over the 2014-2018 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds.

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

H.R. 1992 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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