



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

March 13, 2017

**H.R. 1238  
Securing our Agriculture and Food Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security  
on March 8, 2017

H.R. 1238 would amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize a program within the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Health Affairs to coordinate efforts to defend U.S. food, agriculture, and veterinary systems against terrorism.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1238 would cost about \$500,000 a year; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. In 2016, the department allocated \$475,000 for this activity. A full year appropriation for the department has not yet been enacted for 2017.

Enacting H.R. 1238 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1238 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 1238 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.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Robert Reese. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.