



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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### **S. 317** **Taxpayers Right-To-Know Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs on March 15, 2017*

#### **SUMMARY**

S. 317 would amend federal law to increase the amount of information about federal programs that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provides online. The legislation would require that each program administered by a federal agency be described on OMB's website. The bill also would require a report by the Government Accountability Office (GAO). S. 317 also would authorize the appropriation of \$18 million for the 2018-2020 period to cover the additional costs of collecting and posting this information.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 317 would cost \$18 million over the 2018-2020 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

Enacting S. 317 could affect direct spending by some agencies not funded through annual appropriations; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. CBO estimates that any net changes in direct spending by those agencies would be negligible. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

CBO also estimates that enacting S. 317 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

S. 317 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 317 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 800.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars						2017-2022
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
<b>INCREASES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>							
Estimated Authorization Level	0	6	6	6	0	0	18
Estimated Outlays	0	6	6	6	0	0	18

## **BASIC OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes the bill will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2018 and that the specified amount will be appropriated in equal increments over the 2018-2020 period.

## **PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS**

The Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 establishes budget-reporting and enforcement procedures for legislation affecting direct spending or revenues. Enacting S. 317 could affect direct spending by some agencies not funded through annual appropriations, therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. CBO estimates that any net changes in direct spending by those agencies would be negligible. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

## **INCREASE IN LONG-TERM DIRECT SPENDING AND DEFICITS**

CBO estimates that enacting S. 317 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 317 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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