



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 6742**  
**Secure Border Communications Act**

*As passed by the House of Representatives on September 25, 2018*

H.R. 6742 would require Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to equip CBP officers and border patrol agents with radios or similar devices that permit secure and effective communication with DHS personnel and with other federal and nonfederal law enforcement entities. According to CBP, it outfits its officers and agents with radios that largely satisfy the act's requirements, so CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6742 would have no significant effect on agency spending.

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

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 6742 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 6742 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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