

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 3, 2008

H.R. 1333

A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the use of Civil Air Patrol personnel and resources to support homeland security missions, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on May 20, 2008

H.R. 1333 would direct the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to prepare a report to the Congress on the capability of the Civil Air Patrol to assist the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and state, local, and tribal governments with operations relating to border security, disaster response, and other activities. The bill would require DHS to review the GAO study and prepare its own report to the Congress on use of the Civil Air Patrol to support homeland security activities.

Based on the costs of similar studies, CBO estimates that it would cost less than \$1 million in fiscal year 2009 for GAO and DHS to complete the reports required by the bill, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1333 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On June 2, 2008, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1333 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on May 15, 2008. The two versions of the bill are very similar and the cost estimates are the same.

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