



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 5, 2010

S. 2991 **Government Accountability Office Improvement Act of 2010**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs on July 28, 2010*

S. 2991 would provide additional authorities to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), including the ability to obtain certain records and information, and to administer oaths. The legislation also would require GAO to establish procedures to protect certain proprietary information that it collects when carrying out its responsibilities.

CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 2991 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.

On June 9, 2009, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2646, the Government Accountability Office Improvement Act of 2009, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on June 4, 2009. The two pieces of legislation and CBO's cost estimates are similar.

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