



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 4, 2010

H.R. 1997

A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to update a research report and issue guidance to the states with respect to reducing lighting on the federal-aid system during periods of low traffic density, and for other purposes

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
on July 29, 2010*

H.R. 1997 would require the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in conjunction with industry representatives, to update a research report regarding the reduction of lighting on the federal-aid highway system during periods of low traffic. The updated report would have to include new information about improvements in lighting technology since the report was originally issued in 1985. FHWA also would be required to develop guidance for states based on the updated information.

Based on the cost of similar efforts and on information from the agency and industry sources, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1997 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting H.R. 1997 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 1997 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.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Sarah Puro. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.