



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 5368
United States Postal Service Postal Inspectors Equity Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
on September 23, 2010*

H.R. 5368 would make postal inspectors of the United States Postal Service (USPS) and special agents of the USPS Office of the Inspector General eligible for compensation known as availability pay that is currently provided to federal criminal investigators. (Availability pay provides a premium to ensure that criminal investigators are available for unscheduled duty in excess of a 40-hour workweek if necessary.) CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5368 would not affect USPS spending because postal inspectors and special agents already receive compensation that is equivalent to availability pay. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 5368 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.

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