



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 5274
Global Electoral Exchange Act

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs
on April 17, 2018*

H.R. 5274 would authorize the Department of State to establish an international exchange program to promote the sound administration of elections. Under the program the department would bring foreign professionals and volunteers who organize elections to the United States to learn about election procedures, particularly as related to cybersecurity, transparency, dispute resolution, voter registration, and access to polling places. The bill would require the department to brief the Congress on the program's implementation and encourage the department to maintain a network of alumni.

On the basis of information from the department about its specialized exchange programs, and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5274 would require additional appropriations of \$1 million each year and cost \$4 million over the 2019-2023 period.

Enacting H.R. 5274 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5274 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 5274 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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