H.R. 5678, Privacy Office Enhancement Act
As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on January 29, 2020

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2025	2020-2030
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	9	not estimated

		Mandate Effects	
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	**Mandate Effects**	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2031?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

* = between zero and $500,000.

H.R. 5678 would require the Chief Privacy Officer of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to improve the procedures the department uses to safeguard personally identifiable information managed by DHS. The bill would require that official to develop guidance and policies on those procedures for DHS's 14 operational and support components and to ensure department employees comply with them. The bill also would codify the disclosure policies of DHS to promote compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

On the basis of information from DHS, CBO expects that the department would hire 10 new employees, at an average salary of $150,000, to ensure component agencies are complying with federal privacy requirements. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted in fiscal year 2020. Under that assumption, the agency could incur some costs in 2020, but CBO expects that most of the costs would be incurred in 2021 and later. In total, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5678 would cost $9 million over the 2020-2025 period (see Table 1). Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriations.

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 5678

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2020-2025
Estimated Authorization	*	1	2	2	2	2	9
Estimated Outlays	*	1	2	2	2	2	9

* = between zero and $500,000.

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