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COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2976

DHS Accountability Act of 2016

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs on May 25, 2016*

S. 2976 would aim to improve the management and accountability of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The bill also would direct DHS to develop various metrics to evaluate the effectiveness of security measures at the United States border and to conduct an analysis of potential threats and security gaps along the northern border of the United States. The bill would require a total of about a dozen reports, reviews, or assessments by DHS, the department's Office of Inspector General, and the Government Accountability Office. Several of the reports or reviews would be prepared annually.

Based on information from DHS and the cost of similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2976 would cost about \$4 million in 2017 and about \$1 million annually thereafter, assuming appropriation of the necessary funds. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 2976 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

S. 2976 contains no private-sector or intergovernmental 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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