



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

July 17, 2008

H.R. 6388
Government Accountability Office Improvement Act of 2008

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
on July 16, 2008*

H.R. 6388 would provide additional authorities to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), including the authority to obtain certain records and administer oaths to witnesses. The bill also would require GAO to establish procedures to protect certain proprietary information that it collects when carrying out its responsibilities.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6388 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. The additional authorities provided by the bill would facilitate GAO's audit procedures and other activities. The requirement to protect confidential information would have no effect because the agency already has such procedures in place.

H.R. 6388 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.

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