



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 2576
A bill to amend title 49, United States Code,
to modify requirements relating to the availability
of pipeline safety regulatory documents,
and for other purposes

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
on July 10, 2013*

H.R. 2576 would change certain requirements applicable to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) within the Department of Transportation regarding the publication of guidance and regulations. The bill would postpone, until 2015, the requirement that PHMSA only use publicly available technological standards that are free of charge in formulating certain safety regulations. The bill would also remove the requirement that the documents describing those technological standards be available on the Internet.

CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget because it would give PHMSA more time to comply with an existing requirement. Enacting H.R. 2576 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 2576 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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