



# CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 29, 2011

## **H.R. 915** **Jaime Zapata Border Enforcement Security Task Force Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security  
on September 21, 2011*

### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 915 would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2016 for the Border Enforcement Security Task Force (BEST) program in the Department of Homeland Security. Under the BEST program, personnel from federal, state, local, tribal, and foreign law-enforcement agencies share information and carry out law-enforcement operations to combat criminal activity near United States borders.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$48 million over the 2012-2016 period. Enacting H.R. 915 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 915 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 915 is shown in the following table. CBO assumes that the authorized amounts will be appropriated near the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for similar activities. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

|   | By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars |      |      |      |      | 2012-<br>2016 |
|---|--|------|------|------|------|---------------|
|   | 2012                                   | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |               |
| <b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b> |  |      |      |      |      |               |
| Authorization Level                                 | 10                                     | 10   | 10   | 10   | 10   | 50            |
| Estimated Outlays                                   | 8                                      | 10   | 10   | 10   | 10   | 48            |

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 915 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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