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Washington, DC 20515

*Keith Hall, Director*

September 22, 2017

Honorable Trey Gowdy  
Chairman  
Committee on Oversight  
and Government Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 2331, the Connected Government Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Matthew Pickford, who can be reached at 226-2860.

Sincerely,

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Keith Hall

Enclosure

cc: Honorable Elijah Cummings  
Ranking Member



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 22, 2017

### **H.R. 2331** **Connected Government Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
on September 13, 2017*

H.R. 2331 would require all federal agencies that create or update a website intended for use by the public to ensure that the website is mobile friendly. A mobile friendly website is defined as one that is configured in such a way that it may be easily navigated and viewed on a smartphone, tablet computer, or similar mobile device. In addition, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in consultation with the General Services Administration (GSA), would report on the implementation of these requirements within 18 months.

Under current executive branch guidance (see OMB Memorandum M-17-06, which was issued on November 8, 2016) all new or redesigned federal websites must allow for access by mobile devices. In addition, GSA's Digital Government Division works with agencies to help them provide electronic information and services to the public in any digital form. Because of those ongoing efforts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2331 would have no significant cost.

Enacting H.R. 2331 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2331 would not increase direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 2331 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.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Matthew Pickford. This estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.