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COST Act of 2023

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

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Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 14, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2968	Related bill	Apr 27, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

Cost Openness and Spending Transparency Act of 2023 or the COST Act of 2023

This bill requires recipients of federal funds to disclose financing information relating to programs, projects, or activities carried out using such funds.

Specifically, such a recipient (including a state or local government or a recipient of a federal research grant) must clearly state in any press release, request for proposals, bid solicitation, or other document describing the activity the amount and percentage of federal funding and the amount and percentage of nongovernmental funding.

An individual or entity carrying out a program, project, or activity that is carried out using federal funds must, as part of the performance progress reporting, include a certification indicating whether the individual or entity complied with the disclosure requirements for communications containing not more than 280 characters relating to the program, project, or activity.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) must annually

- review a random sampling of public communications issued by agencies and recipients of federal funds for compliance with the disclosure requirements, and
- make publicly available the findings of the review.

The OMB must make available to the public a mechanism to anonymously report communications that do not comply.

Actions Timeline

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