



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

September 11, 2008

**H.R. 6842  
National Capital Security and Safety Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
on September 10, 2008*

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 6842 would have no effect on the federal budget. H.R. 6842 would require the District of Columbia to revise its firearms laws, as necessary, to ensure they are consistent with the Supreme Court decision in *District of Columbia v. Heller*.

The requirement imposed on the District of Columbia would be an intergovernmental mandate as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). CBO estimates that the cost to change those laws would be negligible and would not exceed the annual threshold for intergovernmental mandates (\$68 million in 2008, adjusted annually for inflation).

The legislation contains no private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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