



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 6313

A bill to promote peaceful and collaborative resolution of maritime territorial disputes in the South China Sea and its environs and other maritime areas adjacent to the East Asian mainland

*As amended by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs
on September 12, 2012*

H.R. 6313 expresses the sense of the Congress that the Secretary of State should take certain actions in response to maritime territorial disputes in East Asia. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would not have a significant effect on the federal budget.

Enacting H.R. 6313 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

The bill exhorts the Secretary to:

- Reaffirm U.S. support for, and continue efforts towards, the peaceful resolution of disputes,
- Condemn, and urge all parties to refrain from, the use of threats or force,
- Support the diplomatic efforts of U.S. allies and partners to peacefully resolve conflicts, and
- Support the U.S. Armed Forces' efforts to uphold freedom of navigation rights in the region's international waters and air space.

H.R. 6313 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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