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# H. R. 438

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 20, 2023

Mr. STEWART (for himself, Mr. CASE, and Mr. CRENSHAW) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “True Cost Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT IN BUDGET SUBMISSION WITH RE-**  
2 **SPECT TO THE COST PER TAXPAYER OF THE**  
3 **DEFICIT.**

4 Section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(40)(A) in the case of a fiscal year in which  
7 the budget is projected to result in a deficit, an esti-  
8 mate of the pro rata cost of such deficit for tax-  
9 payers who will file individual income tax returns for  
10 taxable years ending during such fiscal year; and

11 “(B) in the case of any fiscal year, an estimate  
12 of the pro rata cost of the public debt for taxpayers  
13 who will file individual income tax returns for tax-  
14 able years ending during such fiscal year.”.

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