



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 4255
United States Olympic Committee Paralympic Program Act of 2008**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on July 16, 2008

SUMMARY

H.R. 4255 would authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide grants to the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) to implement the Paralympic Program for disabled veterans and disabled members of the armed forces. H.R. 4255 also would establish an Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events within VA. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4255 would cost \$10 million in 2009 and \$50 million over the 2009-2013 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting the bill would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 4255 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4255 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 700 (veterans benefits and services).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2009- 2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Paralympic Program						
Authorization Level	8	8	8	8	8	40
Estimated Outlays	8	8	8	8	8	40
Office of National Veterans Sports Programs						
Authorization Level	2	2	2	2	2	10
Estimated Outlays	2	2	2	2	2	10
Total Changes						
Authorization Level	10	10	10	10	10	50
Estimated Outlays	10	10	10	10	10	50

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

Section 3 would allow VA to make grants to the USOC to plan, develop, manage, and implement the Paralympic Program for disabled veterans and disabled members of the armed services. VA would be authorized to provide \$8 million in grant money per year to the USOC for those purposes. In order to receive the grant, the USOC would have to apply to VA and outline the activities and objectives it would expect to achieve using the grant. CBO expects that implementing section 3 would cost \$40 million over the 2009-2013 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

Section 4 would establish the Office of National Veterans Sports and Special Events within VA. The goal of this office would be to promote the participation of disabled veterans and disabled members of the armed services in sporting events sponsored by the USOC. Through this office, VA would be authorized to provide a monthly allowance to certain veterans for any month in which they are in training for any USOC event or are residing at the USOC training center. Also, the Veterans Health Administration would be required, whenever possible, to provide recreational and physical therapists and other medical staff to facilitate the participation of veterans in any USOC-sanctioned activity. Under section 4, \$2 million would be authorized annually to run the Office of National Veterans Sports and Special Events. CBO expects that implementing section 4 would cost \$10 million over the 2009-2013 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 4255 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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