



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 136
Gold Star Fathers Act of 2015**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
on July 22, 2015*

S. 136 would expand preferred eligibility for federal jobs to the fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans. CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would not have a significant effect on the federal budget. Enacting S. 136 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

Under current law, mothers of certain veterans are eligible to claim preferences for civil service positions if their children are permanently disabled or deceased. S. 136 would expand that preference to include such veterans' fathers. We estimate that the legislation would not have a significant budgetary effect because, while it would expand the pool of people eligible for federal job preferences, it would not change the total number of federal jobs available or the salaries paid to federal employees.

S. 136 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.

On March 11, 2015, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 136 as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on March 4, 2015. The two versions of the legislation are identical, and the CBO cost estimates are the same.

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