



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 1603  
Border Jobs for Veterans Act of 2015**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs on June 24, 2015*

S. 1603 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), with assistance from the Department of Defense (DoD), to establish a program to recruit members of the armed forces who are leaving the military to serve as Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers. The program would include placing DHS officials at certain recruiting events and conducting outreach efforts to educate certain members of the armed forces about available jobs with CBP. The bill also would require DHS and DoD to report annually to the Congress about the progress of the program.

Based on the cost of similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1603 would cost less than \$500,000 annually; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. CBP is currently carrying out activities similar to those required by the bill, and the agency employs a significant number of veterans of the armed forces. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 1603 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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