



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 6364 **Frank Buckles World War I Memorial Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on December 5, 2012*

H.R. 6364 would establish a commission to plan, develop, and execute programs, projects, and activities to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First World War. The 12-member commission would be required to submit various reports to the Congress on its activities and recommendations for commemorating the event. The commission would terminate July 28, 2019. All commission members would serve without pay but would be reimbursed for travel expenses. In addition, the commission could hire staff and use personnel detailed from other federal agencies to complete its work.

In addition, the legislation would authorize the World War I Memorial Foundation to establish a National World War I Memorial in Washington, D.C., without federal funds, and it would designate the Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, Kansas, as the “National World War I Museum and Memorial.”

Based on the costs of similar commissions and commemorative projects, CBO estimates that H.R. 6364 would cost about \$4 million over the 2013-2017 period, subject to appropriation of the necessary amounts. Those funds would be used to plan, develop, and carry out activities and to prepare reports. Enacting H.R. 6364 would affect direct spending because it would authorize the commission to accept and spend monetary gifts, and the World War I Foundation would be required to provide funds to maintain the memorial authorized for Washington, D.C. Therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, CBO estimates that the net effect on direct spending would be insignificant. Enacting H.R. 6364 would not affect revenues.

H.R. 6364 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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