



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 27, 2009

H.R. 1679 **House Reservists Pay Adjustment Act of 2009**

As ordered reported by the Committee on House Administration on March 25, 2009

H.R. 1679 would provide for the replacement of lost income for employees of the House of Representatives who are members of a reserve component of the armed forces and are on active duty for more than 30 days. Lost income would be defined as the difference between the employee's military and civilian compensation, subject to certain adjustments. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1679 would have no significant impact on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues.

The costs of implementing the legislation would depend on the size of the future reserve force, which depends on the duration of the military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, future military actions, and the size of the force required for those conflicts. Information from the House of Representatives and the Department of Defense indicates that, to date, very few employees of the House of Representatives have been called to active duty. Assuming few such employees continue to be called to active duty in the future, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would not significantly increase discretionary spending.

H.R. 1679 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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