



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 23, 2010

H.R. 3553 **Indian Veterans Housing Opportunity Act of 2010**

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on June 30, 2010

H.R. 3553 would modify the definition of income under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-330). CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no impact on the federal budget. Enacting H.R. 3553 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

Under Public Law 104-330, entities, such as tribal housing authorities, that receive certain federal subsidies to provide housing to low-income Indians cannot charge rents that exceed 30 percent of a family's income. Under the bill, amounts received by Indian veterans for disabilities resulting from military service would not be included in calculating family income. Thus, enacting the bill could reduce the amount of rent that certain low-income families would pay for federally subsidized housing. Because rents are paid directly to the entities that receive federal subsidies to provide low-income housing, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3553 would not affect the federal budget.

H.R. 3553 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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