



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4592 **Energy Jobs for Veterans Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on March 10, 2010

SUMMARY

H.R. 4592 would require the Department of Labor (DoL) to create a pilot program to assist veterans in qualifying for jobs in the energy sector. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$50 million over the 2011-2015 period for this program. Assuming appropriation of the specified amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$31 million over the 2011-2015 period.

Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 4592 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4592 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 700 (veterans benefits and services).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2011- 2015
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	10	10	10	10	10	50
Estimated Outlays	0	3	8	10	10	31

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

Under H.R. 4592, the Department of Labor would be required to initiate a program that would provide grants to employers and organizations that provide training, apprenticeships, and certification classes to prepare veterans for employment in energy-related fields. To fund the pilot program, which would be available in three states, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$10 million a year for 2011 through 2015. Based on historical spending patterns for similar programs, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4592 would cost \$31 million over the 2011-2015 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 4592 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. State, local, and tribal governments that provide employment assistance to veterans would benefit from grants authorized in the bill.

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