

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 6, 2011

H.R. 2061 Civilian Service Recognition Act of 2011

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on June 22, 2011

H.R. 2061 would authorize federal agencies to present a United States flag to the families of federal civilian employees who are killed while performing official duties or because of their status as a federal employee. The bill would require the Office of Personnel Management, in coordination with the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security, to develop regulations to implement the legislation.

Based on the current cost to the government of obtaining and presenting flags, and the small number of likely recipients in any given year, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2061 would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

Enacting the bill could affect direct spending by agencies not funded through annual appropriations, such as the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Bonneville Power Administration; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. CBO estimates, however, that any net increase in spending by those agencies would not be significant. Enacting H.R. 2061 would not affect revenues.

H.R. 2061 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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