



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 2302**

**A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to notify Congress of conferences sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on September 8, 2011*

H.R. 2302 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Labor (DOL) to report certain information.

Section 1 would require VA to provide detailed quarterly reports to the Congress regarding the final costs of any VA-sponsored conferences attended by more than 50 people (including one or more VA employees) that were estimated to cost the agency at least \$20,000. The department currently prepares a cost report for each conference.

Section 2 would expand the number of individuals that are allowed to receive certain confidential information from VA.

Section 3 would require DOL to establish and maintain a public Web site that discloses information about the numbers of veterans employed by certain contractors. Those contractors currently report that information to DOL. CBO expects that DOL would add an additional page to its Web site listing such information.

CBO estimates that any costs associated with implementing H.R. 2302 would be insignificant over the 2012-2016 period.

Enacting H.R. 2302 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 2302 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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