



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4402 **Guam Military Training and Readiness Act of 2014**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 21, 2014

H.R. 4402 would authorize the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of the Interior to establish a danger zone in the Guam National Wildlife Refuge for areas that would be affected by rifle, pistol, and machine gun ranges that DoD intends to construct adjacent to the refuge. The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has several facilities on the refuge that are in close proximity to the range. For safety, DoD would be required to move those facilities to a different part of the refuge. Designation of the danger zone also would restrict access to a portion of the refuge that is currently open to the public when the machine gun range is in use.

On the basis of information from DoD and FWS, CBO estimates that relocating the affected facilities would cost about \$20 million, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. However, DoD states that the FWS facilities would not have to be relocated until 2022, when the machine gun range becomes operational. Thus, enacting H.R. 4402 would not affect the federal budget over the 2015-2019 period. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply because enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 4402 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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