



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4583

A bill to promote a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
on February 25, 2016*

H.R. 4583 would direct the Department of Energy (DOE) to pursue certain outreach-related activities aimed at increasing the number of skilled workers trained to work in fields related to energy and manufacturing. The bill would require the agency to maintain and update a clearinghouse with information about jobs in the energy and manufacturing sectors, provide guidance and support to certain educational institutions, and carry out certain administrative requirements.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4583 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. According to DOE, the activities required under H.R. 4583 are largely consistent with existing efforts; as a result, CBO estimates that any change in the agency's costs related to workforce development (which would be subject to appropriation) would be insignificant in any year. Because enacting H.R. 4583 would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4583 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 4583 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would benefit public entities, such as institutions of higher education and state agencies, that provide education and job training related to the energy and manufacturing sectors.

On October 19, 2015, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 8, the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on September 30, 2015. H.R. 8 contains a provision that is similar to H.R. 4583 and CBO's estimates of this provision are the same.

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