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**S. 2522**

**A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002  
to build partnerships to prevent violence by extremists**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs on February 10, 2016*

S. 2522 would establish an Office for Partnership Against Violent Extremism within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to develop and implement a strategy to coordinate efforts throughout all levels of government and private industry to counter violent extremism. CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant effect on the federal budget over the 2017-2021 period because DHS is already performing those activities under current law.

Enacting S. 2522 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO also estimates that enacting the bill would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

Under current law, DHS established the Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) in 2015 to counter violent extremism in communities throughout the United States. In fiscal year 2016, \$3 million was provided for OCP and DHS expects to spend similar amounts (\$3.5 million) each year thereafter for OCP's activities. Those activities (which are similar to provisions in the bill) include:

- Forming a task force to coordinate efforts to counter violent extremism with federal and nonfederal partners in communities throughout the United States,
- Providing technical assistance and support to communities to counter violent extremism, and
- Sharing information about the risks of violent extremism in communities, and establishing infrastructure to share lessons learned, best practices, and feedback on the findings of the task force.

S. 2522 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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