



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 30, 2017

H.R. 2484 **Women, Peace, and Security Act of 2017**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on May 25, 2017

H.R. 2484 would require the President to develop a strategy to promote the participation of women abroad in conflict prevention, management, resolution, and recovery. In addition, the bill would require the Departments of Defense (DoD) and State and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to train personnel in such matters. Finally, the bill would require the Department of State and USAID to provide their staff with guidelines on consulting with appropriate stakeholders and to report at intervals to the Congress on the implementation of the bill.

In 2011, President Obama issued Executive Order 13595 instituting a national action plan to promote the inclusion of women in advancing peace and security in areas with significant conflict. Based on the efforts of DoD, the Department of State, and USAID under that action plan, CBO concludes that many of the bill's requirements are being satisfied under current law. CBO estimates that any additional efforts and the required reports would, in total, cost less than \$500,000 over the 2018-2022 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting H.R. 2484 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2484 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 2484 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.

On May 25, 2017, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1141, the Women, Peace, and Security Act of 2017, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on May 25, 2017. The bills are similar and CBO's estimates of the budgetary effects of implementing them are the same.

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