



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
U.S. Congress
Washington, DC 20515

Keith Hall, Director

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Honorable Johnny Isakson
Chairman
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

CBO has reviewed S. 1598, the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2017, as reported by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on August 2, 2017. That legislation includes the same provisions as H.R. 3218, which the President signed into law on August 16, 2017. Thus, S. 1598 would have no budgetary effects relative to current law. Absent the enactment into law of H.R. 3218, the estimated costs of both bills would be the same.

The estimate for H.R. 3218 is attached. If you wish further details on that estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is David Newman.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Hall".

Keith Hall

Attachment

cc: Honorable Jon Tester
Ranking Member