

H.R. 1424, Fallen Warrior Battlefield Cross Memorial Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on October 29, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2024	2020-2029
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	*
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2030?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 1424 would permit the display of individual memorials—known as Fallen Soldier displays—in any national cemetery operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Under the bill, VA would establish standards on the display of such memorials, which may include a replica of an inverted rifle, boots, helmets, and identification tags.

Under current law, the department can accept donations of such memorials, and the cost of maintaining them can be paid from appropriations for VA cemeteries. CBO expects that enacting the bill would result in the placement of a few additional memorials. Maintenance costs would total less than \$500,000 over the 2020-2024 period, subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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