

## H.R. 4920, Department of Veterans Affairs Contracting Preference Consistency Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on December 5, 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)	0	0	0
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
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

Under current law, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) can give preference to firms that are owned or controlled by veterans when it awards contracts for goods and services. H.R. 4920 would require VA to instead give preference to nonprofit firms that employ the blind and other individuals with disabilities when it contracts for goods and services that are included on the procurement list maintained by the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

Because the bill would change the firms from which VA procures those goods and services but would not affect the underlying costs of administering VA programs, CBO estimates that implementing the provision would not affect the federal budget.

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