

S. 524, Department of Veterans Affairs Tribal Advisory Committee Act of 2019

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on January 29, 2020

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2025	2020-2030
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	2	not estimated
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 2031?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

S. 524 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish a 15-person advisory committee that would be composed of members from tribal organizations. The committee would be required to meet at least twice annually and would provide VA with advice and guidance on issues relating to Native American veterans and tribal organizations.

Using information about the administrative costs of similar advisory committees of the department, CBO estimates that staff salaries, travel costs, and other expenses would be less than \$500,000 annually. In total, implementing S. 524 would cost \$2 million over the 2020-2025 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriations.

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