

S. 4384, K2 Veterans Advocacy Act of 2020

As reported by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on September 15, 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)	0	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

S. 4384 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to enter into an agreement with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, a component agency of the Department of Health and Human Services, to study whether exposures to toxic substances at Karshi-Khanabad (K2) Air Base in Uzbekistan are correlated with cancers and other diseases. Federal agencies would be required to provide to the agency any information needed to complete the study. The report would be due to the Congress within two years of enactment. Using information on the cost of similar studies, CBO estimates completing the study required by the bill would cost \$2 million over the 2020-2025 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriations.

The bill would also permit service members and veterans who served at K2 Air Base to register with VA's Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry. Registrants document exposures to airborne hazards and report health concerns through an online questionnaire. VA uses that information to study conditions that may be associated with exposure to certain airborne hazards. Allowing additional registrants would not increase costs, CBO estimates.

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