

H.R. 711, West Los Angeles VA Campus Improvement Act of 2021

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on May 4, 2021

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2021	2021-2026	2021-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	*	*	*
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	*	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	0	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	Yes	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between -\$500,000 and \$500,000.			

H.R. 711 would authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to retain and spend proceeds from seized and forfeited assets or other restitution related to land use at the department's medical campus in Los Angeles. Those amounts would be used for supportive housing and facilities for homeless veterans and their families or other construction projects at that campus.

Under current law, the Department of Justice (DOJ) retains liquidated assets from seized and forfeited property, and other restitution payments from third parties. Those funds may be spent by DOJ without appropriation. Thus, enacting the bill would change which agency could spend those funds, but it would not change the amount that would be available. Because different agencies may spend the funds in slightly different ways and at different rates, CBO estimates that direct spending could decrease or increase by insignificant amounts over the 2021-2026 period.

The bill would set several conditions for the use of proceeds from enhanced-use leases at the Los Angeles medical campus. VA has the authority to spend amounts collected from enhanced-use leases at the campus, and CBO does not expect that those conditions would alter spending.

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