

H.R. 2326, Veterans' Cyber Risk Assessment Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on April 6, 2022

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2027	2022-2032
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	1	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 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 2326 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to conduct an outreach campaign to educate veterans about cybersecurity risks, such as disinformation, identity theft, scams, or fraud perpetuated through the Internet. VA would be required to provide information on how veterans may report cybersecurity risks to law enforcement and establish a website that includes information for veterans on such risks. The department also would be required to report on the progress of the campaign within 60 days of enactment. Based on the cost of similar outreach campaigns, CBO estimates the requirement would cost less than \$500,000.

The bill would also require VA to contract with a federally funded research and development corporation to study:

- the vulnerability of veterans to cybersecurity risks;
- the availability and efficacy of resources to assist veterans in avoiding those risks; and,
- the efficacy of the outreach campaign required by the bill.

The study should include recommendations to reduce cybersecurity risks to veterans. VA would be required to report to the Congress on the report's findings within one year of the bill's enactment. Based on the cost of similar studies, CBO estimates that VA would spend



\$1 million to provide the report. In total, implementing H.R. 2326 would cost \$1 million over the 2022-2026 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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