

**H.R. 8852, End Veteran Hunger Act of 2022**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on September 21, 2022

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2023	2023-2027	2023-2032
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	23	211	not estimated
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 2033?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 8852 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide grants over a five-year period to entities to address food insecurity among veterans and their families, including veterans who recently transitioned from active duty in the military and Native American veterans. Grant recipients would help veterans and their families enroll in federal food assistance programs or participate in nutrition counseling and education. They could also provide direct food assistance.

The bill also would require VA to provide two reports to the Congress on food insecurity among veterans and the effectiveness of the grants awarded. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$50 million in each fiscal year from 2023 through 2027. Based on the department's administration of other grant programs, CBO estimates that providing grants under the bill would cost \$211 million over the 2023-2027 period. Such spending would be subject to the appropriation of the specified amounts.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 700 (veterans benefits and services).



**Table 1.**  
**Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 8852**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars					2023-2027
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
Authorization	50	50	50	50	50	250
Estimated Outlays	23	38	50	50	50	211

On May 23, 2022, CBO transmitted a [cost estimate for S. 1944](#), the Vet Center Improvement Act of 2021 as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on December 15, 2021. The differences in the estimates primarily arise from differences in the specifically authorized amounts.

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