

H.R. 7777, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2024

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on May 1, 2024

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2024	2024-2029	2024-2034
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	0	0
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No
		Mandate Effects	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 7777 would increase the amounts paid to veterans for disability compensation and to their survivors for dependency and indemnity compensation by the same cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) that recipients of Social Security receive in 2025. The increase would take effect on December 1, 2024.

CBO estimates that the new COLA will be 2.5 percent. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 7777 would increase spending for those programs by about \$4.8 billion in calendar year 2025 and by similar amounts in subsequent years relative to amounts that would be provided under current law. However, section 257 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 requires that CBO's baseline projections incorporate the assumption that the COLA will be provided. Thus, authorizing that increase would have no budgetary effect relative to the baseline.

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