Congressional Budget Office
Cost Estimate

May 15, 2019

H.R. 2109, BRAVE Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on May 8, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2019	2019-2024	2019-2029
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Deficit Effect	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	0	0

Pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	**No**	**Mandate Effects**	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2030?	**No**	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	**No**
		Contains private-sector mandate?	**No**

H.R. 2109 would permit the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to give preference to firms that employ veterans when it awards contracts for goods and services. The bill also would establish penalties for firms that misrepresent the veteran status of employees when bidding on VA contracts. Under current law, VA can give preference to firms that are owned or controlled by veterans, and the department must set goals for the number of contracts awarded to such businesses.

Because the bill would allow VA to earmark money to contract with employers of veterans but would not affect the underlying costs of administering VA programs, CBO estimates that implementing the provision would not affect the federal budget.

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