

H.R. 499, Service-Disabled Veterans Small Business Continuation Act
 As ordered reported by the House Committee on Small Business on July 17, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2019	2019-2024	2019-2029
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	*	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 2030?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

In procuring goods and services, federal agencies give preference to firms owned and controlled by veterans with service-connected disabilities. Under current law, surviving spouses of veterans whose service-connected disabilities were rated at 100 percent are eligible to retain that preferential contracting status for up to 10 years after the veteran's death. H.R. 499 would authorize similar treatment for surviving spouses of veterans whose service-connected disabilities were rated at less than 100 percent. Those spouses would receive priority for obtaining contracts for up to three years.

The bill would change the priorities for awarding government contracts, but would not affect the amount agencies spend on such contracts. CBO expects that verifying the eligibility for preferences of those surviving spouses would have insignificant administrative costs. On that basis, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 499 would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2020-2024 period; that spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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