

**H.R. 3996, VA Design-Build Construction Enhancement Act of 2019**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on October 29, 2019

| By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars  | 2020 | 2020-2024                           | 2020-2029     |
|--|------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Direct Spending (Outlays)  | 0    | 0                                   | 0             |
| Revenues   | 0    | 0                                   | 0             |
| Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit  | 0    | 0                                   | 0             |
| Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)  | *    | *                                   | 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 2030? | No   | Contains intergovernmental mandate? | No            |
|  |      | Contains private-sector mandate?    | No            |
| * = between zero and \$500,000.  |      |                                     |               |

H.R. 3996 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to use design-build procedures when awarding contracts to acquire new medical facilities of the department. In design-build contracts, one entity is selected to design and construct the facility. The bill also would require VA to certify that employees who are responsible for construction projects and facility management have been trained on the use of those selection procedures for construction contracts.

CBO estimates that updating the department's policies on selecting contractors to design and build VA facilities would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2020-2024 period, subject to the availability of appropriations.

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