

**S. 3282, Protecting Business Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2020**

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on August 5, 2020

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2025	2020-2030
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	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2031?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) sets aside contracts for small businesses owned by veterans including those who are disabled. S. 3282 would require that businesses awarded such contracts spend no more than half of the value of the contracts on subcontractors and purchases from other businesses. That requirement would codify VA's current practices for awarding set-aside contracts. Thus, CBO expects that the requirement would not affect the federal budget. The bill also would require such businesses to certify to VA that they will comply with the subcontracting limitation. Finally, the bill would require VA to develop processes to monitor that compliance, and to report to the Congress each year until 2025 on the number of businesses that fail to comply.

On the basis of information from VA, CBO estimates that implementing S. 3282 would cost less than \$500,000 to certify, monitor, and report on compliance to the Congress over the 2021-2025 period, subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

On October 25, 2019, CBO transmitted [a cost estimate for H.R. 561](#), the Protecting Business Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2019, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on October 16, 2019. The two bills are similar, and CBO's estimates of the cost of implementing them are the same.

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