

H.R. 2093, Veterans and Family Information Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on May 4, 2021

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2021	2021-2026	2021-2031
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	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 2093 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide versions of all departmental fact sheets on its website in English, Spanish, Tagalog, and the next 10 most commonly spoken languages in the United States. The bill also would require VA to report to the Congress on how VA communicates with veterans whose proficiency in English is limited and how veterans obtain the department's fact sheets, other than on its websites.

VA is currently implementing many of the bill's requirements. VA's fact sheets are already available in Spanish, and several are available in Tagalog. VA provides most of the information from its fact sheets in Spanish and Tagalog to veterans at VA's regional offices in Puerto Rico and the Philippines, respectively. In addition, the department currently provides its fact sheets online. Based on the market rate of translation services and the number of fact sheets that VA would be required to translate under the bill, CBO estimates implementing the bill's requirements would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2021-2026 period; any spending would be subject to availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Logan Smith. The estimate was reviewed by Leo Lex, Deputy Director for Budget Analysis.