

H.R. 1596, Commission on Equity and Reconciliation in the Uniformed Services Act

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

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2026	2022-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	1	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. 1596 would establish a 15-person commission to study the Department of Defense's past policies regarding homosexuality. The commission also would assess the effects of those policies on veterans and former service members who were discharged because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. The commission would be required to issue a report to the Congress on its findings within one year of its first meeting.

Using information about the administrative costs of similar commissions, CBO estimates that staff salaries, travel costs, and other expenses associated with producing the required report would be less than \$500,000 annually. In total, implementing H.R. 1596 would cost \$1 million over the 2022-2026 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriations.

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