

H.R. 5738, Lactation Spaces for Veteran Moms Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on April 6, 2022

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2027	2022-2032
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	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 2033?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 5738 would codify the requirement that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) have a lactation space at each of its medical centers. Under the bill, a lactation space is a hygienic place other than a bathroom that would be easily accessible, shielded from view, free from intrusion, and available for use by veterans, VA employees, and other people who are authorized to enter the VA facility.

The department's medical centers have at least one dedicated space that complies with the bill's requirements to accommodate nursing mothers. VA also has a 5-year strategic plan for installing additional lactation spaces for veterans and visitors of its facilities. Because VA meets the requirements of the bill under current law, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would not affect the federal budget.

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