



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 5, 2013

H.R. 1171 FOR VETS Act of 2013

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
on May 22, 2013*

H.R. 1171 would amend federal law regarding the disposal of federal personal property (including items such as furniture, office supplies, and construction equipment). Under current law, veterans organizations involved in education or health programs can obtain personal property through the Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Program at no cost; other organizations must pay for such property. The legislation would expand eligibility to allow any organization that primarily supports veterans to receive donations free of charge.

Based on information from the General Services Administration (GSA) about the current donation program, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting H.R. 1171 would reduce offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending); therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, CBO estimates that any such losses of offsetting receipts that might result from donating personal property to additional veterans organizations would not be significant in any year because GSA already offers many organizations the opportunity to receive surplus personal property. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

H.R. 1171 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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