

H.R. 8888, Food Security for All Veterans Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on September 21, 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	*	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
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 8888 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish the Office of Food Security. Responsibilities of the office would include disseminating information to veterans about federal nutrition assistance programs, collaborating with other program offices to identify and treat veterans at risk of or experiencing food insecurity, and supporting the work of VA medical centers with state and local offices that administer the nutrition assistant programs. The bill also would require VA to report to the Congress annually. That report would include data about the socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds of veterans experiencing food insecurity, participation in supplemental nutrition assistance programs, and coordination between state agencies and VA facilities.

Through the Veterans Health Administration, the Office of Health Equity supports interventions to reduce health disparities among veterans, screenings for identifying veterans at risk, and connecting them to local food pantries or enrolling them in federal nutrition assistance programs. CBO expects that VA would satisfy the requirements of the bill by realigning current personnel and activities. Thus, the incremental costs to implement the bill and satisfy the reporting requirements would be less than \$500,000; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Etaf Khan. The estimate was reviewed by Leo Lex, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.