

## H.R. 8340, Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Financial Services on May 16, 2024

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2024	2024-2029	2024-2034
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
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No
		<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 8340 would exclude some benefits paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs from applicants’ income when calculating eligibility for the Department of Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program (HUD-VASH). Those benefits are compensation for service-connected disabilities and pensions for veterans with low income who have disabilities not related to military service.

In August 2024, HUD published a notice that the agency would exclude compensation benefits when determining eligibility for HUD-VASH.<sup>1</sup> On that basis, CBO estimates that implementing the provision to exclude compensation benefits would have no cost because the department is already doing that. In the absence of that notice, CBO estimates that excluding such income would cost about \$5 million annually.

Using data about the number of veterans receiving pension benefits, CBO estimates that excluding those benefits under H.R. 8340 would have an insignificant cost; any related spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

1. Department of Housing and Urban Development, “Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers: Revised Implementation of the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program,” Notice, 89 *Fed. Reg.* 65769 (August 14, 2024), <https://tinyurl.com/t79vrkt>.



The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Zunara Naeem. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

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