

H.R. 4592, as amended

Energy Jobs for Veterans Act

Title: To provide for the establishment of a pilot program to encourage the employment of veterans in energy-related positions.

Mr. Teague of New Mexico introduced H.R. 4592 on February 3, 2010.

H.R. 4592, as amended, would:

1. Create the pilot “Veterans Energy Related Employment Program” which would award competitive grants to three states for the establishment of a program that would reimburse energy employers for the cost of providing on-the-job training for veterans in the energy sector. The reimbursements would go to employers or labor-management organizations.
2. Require that each participating state provide evidence that it can produce such training to serve a population of eligible veterans, has a diverse energy industry, and the ability to carry out such a program.
3. Authorize the use of grant funds to provide training to veterans, and conduct outreach to veterans informing them of the program.
4. Require that states submit proposals that certify that participating veterans would be hired at a wage rate consistent with the standard industry average for jobs that are technically involved and have a skill-set that is not transferable to other non-energy industries.
5. Limit grant funds to be used for veterans only.
6. Require the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor provide a report to Congress on the activities carried out by the program and an evaluation of the program.
7. Authorize two percent of appropriated funds to be used for administrative costs and authorize the Secretary of Labor to determine the maximum amount of each grant awarded that may be used by the states for administrative and reporting cost.
8. Appropriate \$10 million a year for five years, beginning in 2011 through 2015.

Cost: CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4592 would cost \$50 million over five years subject to appropriation.

Legislative History:

- Feb. 25, 2010: Legislative hearing held by the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- Mar. 4, 2010: Ordered reported, as amended, to the Full Committee by the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
- Mar. 10, 2010: Ordered reported by the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.
- Mar. 22, 2010: Reported, as amended, H. Rept. 111-453.
- Mar. 23, 2010: Passed the House by the Yeas and Nays: 397-19 (Roll No. 177)