



# CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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## **H.R. 1168** **Veterans Retraining Act of 2009**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs  
on October 28, 2009*

### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 1168 would authorize the appropriation of \$100 million a year for the Department of Labor, beginning in fiscal year 2011, to provide training assistance for unemployed veterans. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$350 million over the 2010-2014 period. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1168 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1168 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 700 (veterans benefits and services).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2010- 2014
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
Authorization Level	0	100	100	100	100	400
Estimated Outlays	0	50	100	100	100	350

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

H.R. 1168 would authorize the Department of Labor to provide training assistance to veterans who have been unemployed for at least four months and are ineligible for education and training programs administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Veterans participating in training programs would receive a monthly assistance allowance of about \$1,400 for up to six months and a moving stipend of up to \$5,000, if applicable. The bill would authorize \$100 million for this program each year. At that authorization level, CBO estimates that approximately 13,000 veterans would participate in this program each year and that they would receive assistance averaging around \$7,500 per person. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1168 would cost \$350 million over the 2010-2014 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 1168 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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