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TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO HIRE VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES TO ASSIST THE CORPS WITH CURATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

DECEMBER 14, 2010.—Ordered to be printed

Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, submitted the following

### R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 5282]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Environment and Public Works, to which was referred a bill (H.R. 5282), to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities, and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon and recommends that the bill do pass.

#### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 5282 is to develop a Veterans' Curation Program to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Secretary in carrying out curation and historic preservation activities.

#### GENERAL STATEMENT AND BACKGROUND

H.R. 5282 directs the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to develop a Veterans' Curation Program to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Secretary in carrying out curation and historic preservation activities and authorizes appropriations for these activities for fiscal years 2011–15.

The Corps of Engineers (Corps) has already established a pilot Veterans' Curation Program through its Mandatory Center of Expertise for the Curation and Management of Archaeological Collections (MCX–CMAC), based out of the Corps' St. Louis District offices. The program was established to give veterans valuable pro-

fessional skills and to help the Corps work through a backlog of archaeological artifacts, images, and records from decades of engineering projects to meet its responsibilities under federal laws for historic preservation. Using \$3.5 million in funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (P.L. 111–5), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has established three pilot projects in Augusta, Georgia; St. Louis, Missouri; and Washington, D.C. H.R. 5282 would authorize funding for fiscal years 2011–2015 to continue this program.

#### OBJECTIVES OF THE LEGISLATION

This bill would authorize the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to develop a Veterans' Curation Program that will hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to help carry out curation and historic preservation activities.

#### SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

##### *Section 1. Findings*

Section 1 sets out the findings for the bill.

##### *Sec. 2. Training and employment for veterans and members of the armed services in curation and historic preservation*

Section 2(a) directs the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to develop a Veterans' Curation Program to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with its curation and historic preservation activities.

Section 2(b) authorizes appropriations totaling \$35 million for fiscal years 2011 through 2015 to implement this program.

#### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

H.R. 5282 was introduced by Representative John Barrow (GA) on May 12, 2010, and has 45 co-sponsors. H.R. 5282 was reported favorably with an amendment in the nature of a substitute by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives on July 29, 2010. The House of Representatives passed the bill by voice vote on September 15, 2010.

The bill was received in the Senate, read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. The Committee on Environment and Public Works met to consider H.R. 5282 on November 30, 2010, and ordered the bill favorably reported by voice vote.

#### ROLLCALL VOTES

The Committee on Environment and Public Works ordered H.R. 5282 favorably reported by voice vote.

#### REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

In compliance with section 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the committee finds that H.R. 5282 does not create any additional regulatory burdens, nor will it cause any adverse impact on the personal privacy of individuals.

## MANDATES ASSESSMENT

In compliance with the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–4), the committee finds that H.R. 5282 would not impose Federal intergovernmental unfunded mandates on State, local, or tribal governments.

## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

DECEMBER 2, 2010.

Hon. BARBARA BOXER,  
*Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works,*  
*U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MADAM CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 5282, a bill to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities, and for other purposes.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Aurora Swanson.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS W. ELMENDORF.

Enclosure.

*H.R. 5282—A bill to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities, and for other purposes*

Summary: H.R. 5282 would authorize appropriations totaling \$35 million over the 2011–2015 period for the Corps of Engineers to develop a program to hire veterans to assist the Corps with its curation and historic preservation activities. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5282 would cost \$32 million over the 2011–2015 period. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 5282 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. 5282 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By fiscal year, in millions of dollars—					
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2011–2015
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level .....	5	6	7	8	9	35
Estimated Outlays .....	3	5	7	8	9	32

Basis of estimate: For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 5282 will be enacted by the end of calendar year 2010 and that

funds authorized will be appropriated for each year. Estimated outlays are based on information provided by the Corps of Engineers.

Pay-As-You-Go considerations: None.

Intergovernmental and private-sector impact: H.R. 5282 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

Previous CBO estimate: On August 10, 2010, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 5282 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on July 29, 2010. The two versions of the legislation are similar, and the estimated costs are the same.

Estimate prepared by: Federal Costs: Aurora Swanson; Impact on State, Local, and Tribal Governments: J'nell Blanco; Impact on the Private Sector: Amy Petz.

Estimate approved by: Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

#### CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

Section 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate requires the committee to publish changes in existing law made by the bill as reported. Passage of this bill will make no changes to existing law.